



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1827</b>		DATE: <b>3/13/2024</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Government Efficiency and Downsizing</b>			
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/13/2024 11:39 PM</b>
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**I am in Support of this Bill and its intension to buy across the State and Support our Missouri Communities, Missouri Based Businesses and our Neighbors. Shop and Purchase in Missouri with our State Funds when at all possible. We NEED to buy and invest in Missouri for State Goods and Products used and consumed by the State and all of its Departments.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BENJAMIN BRADLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BOB PROFFER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-330-9090</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>PROFFER WHOLESALE PRODUCE INC</b>		TITLE: <b>CEO</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>920 5TH ST</b>			
CITY: <b>PARK HILLS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63601</b>
EMAIL: <b>bob@profferproduce.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/12/2024 11:22 AM</b>	

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**This is Bob Proffer with Proffer Wholesale Produce in Park Hills. We have held the fresh fruit and vegetable contract with the Missouri Department of Corrections for more than 10 years with a 99.9% fill rate. We had just been awarded the latest contract in February 2022 with a contract period of 3-1-22 through 2-28-25. With this award we had contracts in place with multiple growers for volumes based on previous business. We built infrastructure, bought equipment and hired additional staff to maintain this account. In March of 2023 several facilities informed us they were no longer ordering and by the end of April or beginning of May all business had been ceased without ever receiving any type of official notification. The sudden end to this contract without any kind of notification most certainly impacted not only ourselves and our employees, but several farmers across the area. On January 2, 2024 (more than 9 months later) we received notification that our contract would be terminated effective February 2, 2024. We are very proud to be a family-owned Missouri based business since 1964 and would gladly reinstate this fresh fruit and vegetable contract.**