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WITNESS NAME: ADAM MERTENS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: BRENDA SCHELL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-301-4907	
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Good afternoon. I am the public Health Analyst/Advisor for the state of Missouri, overdose Response Strategy (ORS) a collaborative partnership between public health and public safety. Each state has an ORS team. The ORS is funded by the ONDCP and the CDC. My public health partner is funded through the Midwest HIDTA and my position is funded by the CDC Foundation. Our mission is to reduce overdoses, fatal and non fatal, within our assigned state. Naloxone saturation in our state has saved lives! I have had 3 children attend and graduate from college in Missouri. My children, to the best of my knowledge, have never used drugs, besides alcohol. I also hope they were never peer pressured to try a substance. I provided each of my 3 children with overdose education training and a box of naloxone prior to moving off to college. They asked me "Mom, I don't use drugs and don't plan to so why should I take/have naloxone with me?" I said you may encounter someone who has taken a pill that was laced with fentanyl and that one pill could kill him/her. I explained to them that 7 out of 10 fake pills are laced with fentanyl. Many have a deadly dose of fentanyl. I only know that because of my job. How many parents know this? How many kids have heard this from their parents? Probably very few! Naloxone is FREE in MO and it has saved thousands of precious lives in MO. Many of those individuals who have administered nasal naloxone and saved a life was a bystander. The majority of us have fire detectors and fire extinguishers in our homes, businesses, colleges, schools, etc. We hope we never need to use it, but if we do, we have it. It can save a life. The same is true with AEDs. More people are dying of drug overdose vs. heart attacks or fires. There are AED kits EVERYWHERE and fire extinguishers and I'm sure you will find many on college and university campuses. They save lives. The same is true with naloxone, it saves lives and it is so simple to use. As we all know, risky behavior is common for teens and young adults. Many college students are moving away from their parents and making decisions. They may want to "fit" in so they make poor decisions. I have had 3 children graduate from college. I know they have made some poor decisions at that point in their life. Thankfully it wasn't a decisions that killed them. Taking a pill that a college student thinks is an adderal is common. Believe me, I've heard stories from many parents who have lost their child to death because they took an adderal that they thought would help them focus during finals week. That one poor decision cost them their life!! These college kids are not drug users, they decided to try ONE pill, they made one poor decision , and it killed them. Just think how many lives could be saved if this bill were passed? If you're a parent, ask yourself...would you want your child to die due to one poor decision they made? If your answer is NO, I hope you will see the importance of this bill!!! Naloxone saves lives! Naloxone is Free in MO. Nasal Naloxone is easy to use! I choose to carry Naloxone with me always and everywhere because most Naloxone is administer by a bystander. I hope, as a committee, you choose to save lives! If you are a parent who had or has a child/grandchild who has gone to college or plans to attend college, I hope

they choose not to experiment with a substance. If they do make a poor decision, I hope that isn't the LAST decision they are able to make in their lifetime! Something to think about.