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WITNESS NAME: GARY COLLINS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-679-4096	
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW WEATHERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Matthew Weatherman. I am the Prosecuting Attorney for Douglas County, Mo and I write to you today to urge you support of HB 2077. This bill does not seek to raise taxes. This bill does not seek to impose any requirement upon any citizen of Missouri. This Bill does not seek to require this body to fund any activity a county may wish to undertake. This bill does none of these things. Instead, what this bill seeks to do is restore that most closely held principle of our government. That we are a government of the people, for the people, by the people. The method by which we in Missouri decide to set our sales taxes at the county level are the truest example of this principle. No commissioner may raise or lower this tax by edict, No legislator may raise or lower tax by negotiation, No Governor may raise or lower tax by executive action. Instead, any interested party must make their case to the very people who will largely be responsible for paying the tax increase. And those very people then have the only say in whether that tax will happen or not. By voting in favor or opposition at the next general election. But, those in Jefferson City have seen fit to impose limitations to this power that are creating disastrous problems within many of our rural communities. By having imposed a cap on the amount, by percentage, of sales tax a citizenry can approve Jefferson City politicians have created a clear break between those counties where there are large scale retail markets and those where there are not. Counties of all shapes and sizes, except of course for those classified as 1st class counties which have all been exempted by this body from the rules other counties must live by, must use the same maximum percentages regardless of what actual revenue these taxes generate. The current system may make sense politically and economically for counties with multiple cities and numerous retail outlets, but it is woefully underperforming for those of us who live in rural counties with limited retail markets. A sales tax imposed in Greene County, or Boone County may generate several million dollars while that same size sales tax in Douglas, Ozark, Iron, or Shannon County may generate only a couple hundred thousand dollars. Those counties have very similar geographic sizes and county maintained road numbers, but they have dramatically different revenue numbers. The larger demographic counties are able to staff sheriff offices with multiple deputies per square mile of county to cover, while the rural offices are tasked with staffing dozens of miles per deputy. This bill will not solve this disparity, but it will allow individual counties citizens to themselves determine what services they wish their counties to have and provide and fund them accordingly. I urge each of you to support HB 2077 as this bill will not raise taxes or create unfunded mandates, but it will allow individual citizens the right to decide that they wish to fund their county services as they see fit to vote for. Thank you for your time and your consideration,



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I am a staunch supporter of local control and the power of individual voters to best decide if they want to approve any tax increases. This is overreach.