



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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COMMITTEE: Crime Prevention and Public Safety			
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/29/2024 11:56 PM
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I am in Support of this Bill and allowing alternative methods of Safety and Security.



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WITNESS NAME: LOCKE THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-9180	
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WITNESS NAME: MARK J. WELKER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-243-2430	
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As the Prosecuting Attorney of Cape Girardeau County and member of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorney’s Legislative Committee, I am writing to express my support and MAPA’s support for Representative John Voss’ Bill, HB 2137. This bill holds immense significance for our community and the pursuit of justice for the State of Missouri. As a prosecutor, I have encountered numerous instances where the safety and security of witnesses and individuals involved in criminal proceedings have been compromised. In many cases, the absence of adequate security measures has hindered the fair administration of justice and posed significant risks to those cooperating with law enforcement and the prosecution. The Cape Girardeau County Prosecutor Attorney’s Office has a dedicated Victim Advocate that provides services to victims of crimes. Currently, our office is providing services to 317 individuals via our Victim Advocate and HB 2137 presents a crucial opportunity quickly address challenges by extending the authority to provide security beyond law enforcement agencies to include prosecuting attorney’s offices. By granting us the ability to offer security assistance, we can better ensure the protection of witnesses, victims, and other parties involved in criminal cases. This empowerment will not only enhance safety but also bolster trust in our criminal justice system and foster greater cooperation from key stakeholders. Additionally, the allocation of funds by the Department of Public Safety to support prosecuting attorney’s offices in implementing these security measures is essential. These resources will enable us to develop comprehensive security plans, deploy necessary protective measures, and respond effectively to evolving threats and challenges. I and the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys endorse HB 2137 and urge you to continue your efforts in advancing its passage through the legislative process. Your support for this bill is instrumental in addressing critical gaps in our current system and ensuring that our community members can participate in the legal process without fear or intimidation. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to serving our community and pursuing initiatives that promote fairness, safety, and accountability within our criminal justice system.



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