



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

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WITNESS NAME: <b>APRIL CEDERBURG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in Support of this Bill with the Following **NEEDED** Amendments: **Allow Citizens to Speak on any Subject Unrestricted on the Agenda and Off of the Agenda, 2. Allow for five (5) Minutes of Speaker Public Testimony. When Public Hearing or Advertised Public Comment Periods do NOT place a Time-Limit, 3. All a minimum of 50-Speakers, 4. After Closed Sessions of a Governing Body, they MUST come back into open-Session for Announcements, Votes and to Adjourn the Meeting in Public. This is being abuse by the City of O' Fallon City Council. That think that they are ALL above the Law. The City of O' Fallon only allow Public Comments on Agenda Items ONLY. The Saint Charles Community College District Board of Trustees has removed and banned ALL Public Comments before COVID. Public Water District Two (2) of Saint Charles & Warren Counties and the East-Central Missouri Water & Sewer Authority has Banned ALL Public Comments and Taping their Meeting because they do NOT want the Public to uncover that they are making \$25,000 per Year to include two Advisory Members with Trips, Benefits, Health Care, Mileage and Catered Meals. This MUST Apply to ALL Missouri Political Subdivisions, 1,268 Special Districts, 944 Municipalities, 324 Townships, 115 Counties and 1,400 Special taxing Districts. Let's get this done!**



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Municipal officials are committed to open government and allowing the public to comment on public policy matters. Public comment periods are standard practice at meetings of city councils and boards of aldermen. However, some cities hold open work sessions prior to regular meetings in order for members to discuss matters, in public view, but without public comment just as Missouri General Assembly committees do. HB 2206 is too broad and bad public policy. If the practices mandated in HB 2006 were a good idea then they should also apply to the Missouri General Assembly. Banning individual who are not disruptive is currently prohibited, HB 2206 is unnecessary legislation.