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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BEN JOHNSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-497-8985</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>NEXT MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>213 E. CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID JACKSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-406-2937</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>GREATER ST. LOUIS, INC.</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 1865</b>		
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>HEIDI GEISBUHLER SUTHERLAND</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &amp; INDUSTRY</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS: <b>428 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE</b>		
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JAMES ERICKSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>913-609-8593</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF KANSAS CITY MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>DIRECTOR OF STRATEGIC INITIATIVES</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>300 WYANDOTTE, SUITE 400</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64105</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MATT MORROW</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-862-5567</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>
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CITY: <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65806</b>
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Dear Chairman O'Donnell and members of the House Committee on Financial Institutions: On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 2226, sponsored by Representative Travis Smith. The Springfield Chamber supports initiatives that would positively enhance small business, entrepreneurial and technology climate in the state to encourage growth and development in these critical sectors because we know that strong economic development policies are critical in competing for jobs and fostering growth. These types of policies include opportunities to incentivize additional investment so that entrepreneurs have access to risk capital, especially in the Springfield area. We are supportive of House Bill 2226 as this bill provides a unique way to leverage private investment to stimulate employment, enhance quality of life and encourage capital investment in the state. To continue our competitive efforts with surrounding states, we must provide additional tools in the toolbox for local investment that will spur economic activity and support the business community. HB 2226 creates this type of tool, specifically by establishing the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act. This bill would provide a tax credit system that is competitive, provides a positive return on the state's investment, and gives assistance and success to early-stage capital. We appreciate your consideration and encourage your support of HB 2226 as a way to enhance Missouri's entrepreneurial efforts. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RYAN DEBOEF</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-6944</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>CODEFI</b>		TITLE:
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CITY: <b>CAPE GIRARDEAU</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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EMAIL: <b>ryan@hahndeboef.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/20/2024 12:29 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SHANNON COOPER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-890-1432</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>GREATER KC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CIVIC COUNCIL OF GREATER KC</b>		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/20/2024 11:53 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>MichaelWesten.3up@protonmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/20/2024 2:07 PM</b>
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**I oppose HB 2226 as originally drafted.**