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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 "Sports-Wagering." Although it may never see the "Light of Day" in the Missouri Senate. We NEED a Initiative Petition to Amend OUR Missouri State Constitution to makes "Sports Wagering Legal.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATE CASAS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-809-5042</b>	
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63108</b>
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<b>Increases engagement with sports fans across our state, which makes for a stronger economy</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICH AUBUCHON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY: <b>JC</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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The member companies of the Sports Betting Alliance - Fanatics, BetMGM, FanDuel and DraftKings, support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BOB PRIDDY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-8955</b>
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**This bill is the worst fiscal policy that i have ever seen in 50 years of covrting the Missouri Legislature--  
-except for previous sports wagering legislation. i will explain how the casino is not dealing the state  
off the top of the deck.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOSEPH A ROEGER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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In reading HB2331 I took note of the number of references to "problem gamblers" (12 times) and "compulsive gamblers" (18 times). In 2020, there were 5.7 million Americans with a gambling disorder, according to a nationwide survey by the National Association of Administrators for Disordered Gambling Services. Nationally, 4% of the population has a gambling problem carrying an estimated \$15,000 per problem gambler annually in social costs such as bankruptcy, foreclosure, and divorce. Any other legislation considered for enactment that negatively impacted individuals and the public to such a degree would never be proposed, much less adopted! Neither should HB2331.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I OPPOSE HB 2331. It's my understanding that this is an anti-sports wagering bill.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TIMOTHY FABER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I know many of you see sports gambling as a means to generate additional revenue for the state. But I wonder how necessary that is considering we have been having surplus revenues and are constantly adding and increasing various tax credits. What do we accomplish if we generate additional revenue and then have to find ways to refund it to Missouri Citizens? Additionally, this bill designates sports wagering as a “game of skill” (lines 55 – 60) in 313.800. However, there is nothing in betting on a sporting event that involves skill. Nothing that a bettor does will affect the outcome or result. It is merely a game of chance. 313.1000 (page 5, lines 1 – 23 and page 6, lines 24 – 34) gives a definition of “gross receipts” that is more accurately a definition of net receipts. The Internal Revenue Service defines gross receipts as the “total amounts the organization received from all sources during its annual accounting period, without subtracting any costs or expenses.” While certain employment taxes may be deducted from the amount received to arrive at an amount for gross receipts, the six items listed in 313.1000 are not employment taxes, they are business expenses. Any other business that provides rebates or prizes to their customers for whatever reason would deduct such from their gross receipts to arrive at their net receipts. The figure arrived at when calculating a-f of 313.1000 is rightfully “net receipts” not gross receipts and should be identified as such. Section 313.1008 (9) of this proposed legislation allows the platforms to ensure they make a profit. First, what other business is guaranteed by state law to make a profit? Second, if it is to be allowed that patrons, people who are placing bets risk losing money – after all that is the nature of gambling, right – why should the platforms be exempt from the risk of losing money? There are numerous other reasons to reject this piece of proposed legislation, including the social costs, the examples of athletes and other exploiting the sporting events for their own gain, and more. I wish I could be at this hearing to discuss these matters further. Any member of this committee is welcome to contact me if you would like to have such a conversation.