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I am Highly Opposed to this Bill that affects my own County. There are many "Red-Flags" that have gone-up during my Investigations of this Proposed Bill. There are several questions of which I have posed to the Bill Sponsor Wendy Hausman. Here is an E-mail send Today to Wendy Hausman: "Dear Mrs. Hausman: Can you further explain your Proposed House Bill 2826? I heard the House Committee On local Government this morning and you seemed unsure or did not know segments and parts of the Proposed Bill, that obviously came from Lobbyist Tom Dempsey, who is ripping off Our Tax-Payers in Saint Charles County in over \$100,000 of Fees and Expenses. What a total waste of our Tax Resources!

1. Is the Proposed Bill to give Power and Allow the Saint Charles County Convention and Sports Authority to: A. Promote B. Market C. Advertise Facilities Available, Attractions and Amenities? I hate to break it to you, but this Authority has been spending 100's of thousands of dollars in Advertising, Promoting and Marketing the above items. In addition, the Promotion, Marketing and Advertising is a Multi-Duplication of wasting Money as: a. The City of Saint Charles Convention and Visitor's Bureau Office does this with a Staff of 12, b. The City of Saint Charles Department of Economic Development does this with a Staff of 5, c. Saint Charles Convention Center-Director of Marketing-Julie Davinroy, Media Services Manager-Adam Wheelock, Marketing Manager-Maggie Koszala and a Staff of 60-Employees, d. Saint Charles Regional Chamber of Commerce with a Staff of 4, e. Economic Development Council of Saint Charles County with a Staff of 11 *This a Multi-Layer of Duplication of the same efforts and expenses *I have spoke to several of the Commissions of the Saint Charles County Convention & Sports Authority as they were shocked that I brought the Legislation to their attention. There response was they never asked for any Legislation and did not know about the H.B.-2836. 2. Does this Bill allow for additional Taxing Authority of more Sales-Taxes on the Use of a Hotel/Motel Room, which has been deemed as a Service by the Courts and is not tangible property to collect Sales-Tax from? 3. Who asked you for this Legislation and to Sponsor this Bill? I look forward to your response. I am Requesting that Wendy Hausman Immediately withdraw this bad, politically motivated and Red-Flag Legislation. The Saint Charles County Convention & Sports Authority has never asked for and does NOT want this Legislation. There are several Taxes being Collected within the City of Saint Charles for Tourism and Convention Center Efforts and in Saint Charles County. There are five (5) Entities and 100's of Thousands of monies being spent on Advertising, Marketing, Tourism, Defeat and Crush this Bill!