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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BENJAMIN TRAVLOS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-893-1400</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI FARM BUREAU</b>		TITLE: <b>DIRECTOR OF STATE &amp; LOCAL LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS</b>	
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
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MO Farm Bureau has member-adopted policy that says, "In order to minimize costs, we believe all elections, including presidential primaries and all state ballot issues, should be submitted to the voters on a regularly scheduled election day."



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CAROL A. ELLIOTT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**I am in favor of returning to the system where all costs of a presidential preference primary will be paid by the State and elections are administered by local election officials instead of political parties.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTOPHER FOSTER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I volunteered to run the Presidential Preference Primary on March 23rd. While we did a good job on short notice, it was a poor replacement for the state run primary Missourians had been accustomed too.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>COLLEEN TEPEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please reinstate the Presidential Primary election process!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CONNOR LUEBBERT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-291-2463</b>
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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I strongly urge the return to the presidential primary, as it would give all voters the opportunity to vote. This year's presidential caucus/primary was a joke. Its only purpose was to oppress voters and minimize voter turnout. Start supporting our right to vote and easy access to polling places, and stop voter suppression.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CYNTHIA MCEVOY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Our taxes should be covering a presidential preference primary. Please vote YES to get the PPP back!  
We worked hard to make sure that people voted and exercised their constitutional right. It should be covered by our tax dollars like it used to be!!Vote YES on Bill 2895!**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>DENISE LIEBERMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-780-1833</b>	
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Missouri Voter Protection Coalition supports reinstatement of Missouri's Presidential Preference Primaries. Doing so will expand opportunities for Missourians to participate in the democratic process and avoid the hurdles, barriers and confusion that accompanies the caucus-only process. In 2022, Missouri lawmakers eliminated Missouri's presidential preference primaries returning Missouri to a caucus system. While Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is nonpartisan and does not take a position on how political parties choose their nominees, we do believe that the state can help advance greater opportunities for participation by returning Missouri's presidential preference primaries and support polling place voting that voters are familiar with. As Missouri's recent 2024 party caucuses revealed, the process can be onerous, time-consuming and confusing, dramatically limiting participation. As a result, only a small minority of citizens participate in the caucus system, typically limited to party stalwarts. The voices of the vast majority of everyday Missourians goes unheard in this process. Missouri Voter Protection Coalition believes democracy works better when Missourians voices can be heard, resulting in a more inclusive, more representative and more participatory process.



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**Yes, bring back the presidential primary. The caucus system does not allow everyone the opportunity to vote.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DONNA WEIDNER WRIGHT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Please return our right to vote!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ELIZABETH FRANKLIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSICA SHEPHERD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOAN GENTRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Please reinstate the presidential primary. Thank you.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAREN PIERRE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support resending the present bill on the Presidential Preference Primary. ALL Missourians were negatively impacted by the present bill, not allowing everyone to vote. Republicans held a caucus which was totally confusing. Democrats held a hybrid election with ballots being mailed to a few thousand registered voters and others had to go in person to a handful of polling locations. The election was a huge fail for Missouri voters. I urge you to go back to holding the primary so all Missourians have the opportunity to vote.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>MAHREE SKALA</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**A presidential primary system is better than party caucuses because it allows and encourages participation. Caucuses make it more difficult for people to attend, take much more time than voting, and are not accessible for students, parents, shift workers and the disabled.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>MARILYN MCLEOD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-239-3708</b>
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CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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The League of Women Voters of Missouri supports measures to increase the informed participation of Missouri citizens in the selection of presidential nominees and supports open primaries rather than caucuses. And therefore supports HB 2895 and HB 1525.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARLA MARANTZ</b>	PHONE NUMBER:	
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Marla Marantz, Springfield, MO.I support reinstating the Presidential Primary in Missouri.Yet, the caucus system works for the few rather than the many. Voting is our sacred responsibility in our representative democracy and when the primary was reinstated it robbed us of our freedom to vote.The caucus system disproportionately excludes those who cannot freely travel or afford the time--the elderly, those with disabilities, low wage and low-income voters, and families with young children, to name a few. What price can you put on making sure that every registered voter can cast a vote and that that vote will be counted? The voting booth and ballot are far less complicated than the caucus system, often rife with confusion , conjuring images of smoked filled rooms with fast-talking deal making. By reinstating the Presidential primary, you will send the message that EVERY Missouri voter deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. You will inspire people to become more engaged because they will be able to make a choice. You will be telling Missourians that our voices matters. You will be making a stronger Missouri and a stronger country. As a note, I am intrigued by the signature requirement, which might serve to prevent those who are not really interested in serving but rather wish to take advantage of lower political rates to broadcast their message, as was the case with Frasier Glenn Miller, who began to broadcast hate messages. I know their are remedies later, but it just might prevent a few...



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARLA MESSING</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARSHA LERENBERG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I strongly urge your support for HB 2895 to reinstate the Presidential Preference Primary. A presidential primary encourages democratic participation, especially relative to the difficult and time-consuming caucus system which places many obstacles in the way of participation for Missourians who are disabled, students, parents, shift workers. A presidential primary is verifiable, auditable, and enhances representation for all voters.



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A primary will allow more people to take part vs a time consuming caucus system.



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I support reinstatement of the presidential preference primary as it is held along with state and local primaries. It is easier for people to vote in one primary instead of two and allows more voters to participate. The caucus system discriminates against people who are elderly, have disabilities, lack transportation and who work or are otherwise unavailable on primary day, particularly on the Republican caucus day.



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**Please reinstate the presidential preference primary.**





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A presidential primary encourages participation, especially relative to the time-consuming caucus system which is not readily accessible for students, parents, shift workers and the disabled. I witnessed 20+ voters show up to the Republican caucus location in Jackson county to "VOTE" after the doors were locked. They didn't understand what was going on and were angry. Way too many Missouri voters were cut out of the process this year because they do NOT identify with just one party and were unwilling to swear allegiance to a party. The open partisan primary with Ranked voting would be the best solution and best show who is most supported.



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Chairman McGaugh and Members of the Committee, Thanks for allowing my testimony. I would refer you to my testimony on HB 1525, legislation which is identical to this bill save for two differences:

This bill lacks an emergency clause, which I think is better.    This bill contains, on p. 3 lines 2-5, the following (RSMo 115.755):“The results of the presidential preference primary shall be binding on the state convention of each established political party, with all delegates at each such state convention being awarded to the winner of the presidential preference primary election.”I am not sure that legislation can be written which stipulates the binding conditions of the political party delegates. Further, this does not specify whether such binding would be “only on the first vote” or for more of the votes—commonly addressed in the calls to convention. Lastly, and possibly most problematically, there is nothing said about the Congressional District conventions. I know from prior experience that the Republican Party holds CD conventions as well as their state convention. Delegates are elected from the caucuses to the applicable CD and state conventions from that county, so this is an omission that probably should be addressed. Again, as with HB 1525, I do not favor the reinstatement of the presidential preference primary, as by its design it is an “open primary” unless additional laws are enacted to restrict party-specific ballots to those with an established affiliation with that party. County caucuses seem well-suited for allowing the grassroots to express their candidate preferences. The party caucus I attended this year for my party cost a tiny fraction of what the 2020 presidential preference primary in my county (halved, for our party’s share) cost the state. I know, as I was the one responsible for tabulating the costs of that primary and submitting it to the office of the SOS. Sincerely, Pamela K. Grow, M.D. Phelps County Clerk, 2015-2022



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