MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: **HJR 111**	DATE: **2/6/2024**

COMMITTEE: **Special Committee on Tax Reform**

TESTIFYING: ☐ IN SUPPORT OF ☑ IN OPPOSITION TO ☐ FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES

WITNESS NAME

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We are going on record in opposition as this bill when implemented would shift the tax burden from income tax to sales tax which we believe is a more regressive tax. The Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy's analysis of Missouri's tax system when considering state and local as a share of a family's income is already higher for low income versus those of highest income earners. I am providing a link to that study. https://itep.org/whopays/missouri-who-pays-7th-edition/

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It is very dangerous and shortsighted to limit the State's ability to tax as needed. The pandemic proved that we must be able to react appropriately to unforeseen circumstances. Fortunately, Missouri did not suffer financial hardship because of federal pandemic funds. However, those funds are a one-time source, and when they are gone, Missouri must have the tools to fund itself without the unnecessary limitations imposed by this bill.