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I am in Support of asking Voters this Question. This House Joint Resolution is confusing. I am in Support of the Bill on its initial Face.



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Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) is opposed to language in HJR 126 that states, "Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, no state funds shall be expended without first being appropriated by the general assembly." MFTI also opposes language within this legislation that places taxes imposed in the constitution on the ballot every four years for termination.



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While we support the provision of the resolution allowing local governing bodies to reduce the Merchants and Manufacturers replacement property tax on commercial property, the provisions of this resolution relating to resetting the Article X limits on state revenue are troubling because they could possibly prevent income tax rate reductions currently in statute. For example, if the state revenue cap is exceeded and refunds are made to taxpayers, the revenue trigger could also be reached, meaning a reduction in income tax rates for the first subsequent year. The second subsequent year, the reduction in revenues could prevent an income tax rate decrease that would happen under current law if this resolution were not in effect. Most businesses report their taxes on their income tax returns so the effect could be trading a one-time small refund check for a permanent reduction in income tax rate. A permanent reduction in income tax rate is more valuable to businesses and all other taxpayers than a small one-time refund check. Secondly, the resolution would remove the current offset allowing tax reductions that are passed in the same legislative session (or even in the same bill) to be deducted from any increase in tax that is proposed in the same session or bill. Third, the provisions in the proposed Section 27, subsection 4, require a statewide approval vote for all currently imposed constitutional taxes. Such taxes include the Conservation Sales Tax, Parks and Soils Sales Tax, the Blind Pension Fund property tax, motor fuel taxes and could even include all local property taxes (the main funding source of local governments). Voters already approved these taxes. Fourth, all such taxes would be subject to another vote to continue such taxes every four years. Subjecting motor fuel taxes, for example, to a vote every four years would prevent the long-term contracts needed to perform major highway improvements as the state could not enter into contracts if the state could potentially not have money to fulfill the obligations. Fifth, requiring appropriation before such taxes, including motor fuel taxes, may be spent on highway projects would create the same problem. For all of these reasons, Associated Industries of Missouri must oppose the current language of this resolution.