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I am in Support of this Bill and its intent of Fair Assessed Value of Commerical Real Property for Energy Production.



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Thank you Chairman and committee members for allowing me to share my story and the importance of HB1160 regarding the assessment of agricultural land used to produce energy for resale. I'm Charles Greg Crawford, our family has been farming for 4 generations spanning over nearly 100 yrs and I support this bill. We identified 10,000 acres of proposed industrial scale solar power plants within 10 miles of our family farm. 10,000 acres is 15.625 square miles. To give you a better idea of the magnitude, if you were to drive from the State Capital to New Bloomfield, it is 13 miles. The Federal Government is pushing and funding solar and wind projects in the rural heartland of America like we have never experienced in modern history which is removing the most valuable productive land that has fed this Nation and helped sustain the rural communities and counties. According to Wisconsin U.S. Representative Tom Tiffany, solar companies can get as much as \$50,000 per acre in federal subsidies. The rural communities and counties that will lose jobs and businesses plus their tax revenue as a result of the substantial loss of agricultural dollars should expect these utility scale solar power plants to be treated like every other industrial commercial or energy business and be assessed at a commercial tax rate of 33.5%. Why should industrial scale solar be given a special tax benefit that no other commercial businesses are allowed? It is obvious the land is no longer being used for agricultural purposes when it is converted to a power plant. These industrial scale solar facility's property, equipment and the involved acres should all be assessed at commercial tax rate plus the tax dollars should stay in the affected community and county. We need these commercial tax dollars to equip and train our rural fire departments to be able to respond to disasters at these massive solar power plants; keep our schools solvent and increase teachers' pay; and help provide other county services. Let me leave you with this: We are consistently told that solar is the most cost effective and efficient energy source, then why does the solar industry need all the countless federal and state subsidies dollars plus they are demanding favorable tax breaks when all other energy sectors are able to compete while paying the full commercial tax rate. Should not everyone be on a level playing field and the best business model and product rise to the top. HB 1160 is very important because it reclassifies property from agricultural to commercial and it needs your support. Thank you for your time. Charles Greg Crawford 2-11-25



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**All property that changes usage should be reassessed and moved into the appropriate sub class.
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Testimony on HB 1160. HB 1160 is necessary to reaffirm RSMO 137.016 (3). The last sentence states "All real property not listed in subclass (1) or (2)". Basically, any real property not used as residential (subclass 1) or agricultural (subclass 2) shall fall into Commercial (subclass 3).2. Agricultural real property used to produce energy (solar arrays) can no longer be used in production of agricultural commodities. 3. I would urge the committee to please vote HB 1160 Do Pass.



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February 11, 2025
 Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash Columbia, Missouri 65201
 Re: Testimony to the House Special Committee on Tax Reform and HB 1160
 To Chairman Coleman and Members of the Committee,
 Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in opposition to House Bill 1160. While Renew Missouri has worked since 2022 to come up with a common sense approach to taxing the production of energy in this state with any stakeholders who will sit down with us, what is presented in this legislation is nothing more than a prohibition on the production of energy on farm land. This would be a tax increase designed to target and harm specific industries. As this Legislature prides itself on making taxes as low as possible to allow businesses to thrive in Missouri, HB 1160 does the opposite. There are a number of bills filed in the Legislature this year that reflect a "per MW" assessment that have been discussed with county governments and energy companies that would not only allow for solar power generation to prosper but would fill local governments coffers with revenue to help provide for necessary services. Many in the industry agree percentages such as the amounts called for in HB 1160 are designed to bankrupt existing projects and to essentially ban any future projects from being built. Renew Missouri would urge you to vote for any number of these "per MW" property tax assessments that are contemplated in legislation; including Senate Bill 4 if it comes to this Chamber. Additionally, if this is designed to punish specific forms of energy generation, it is important to ask if this violates the Right to Farm Constitutional amendment passed by voters in 2014 that allows landowners the unabated right to produce energy on their property. Another question to ask is whether such a steep tax increase triggers the Hancock Amendment and requires its own vote by Missourians. Either way, such considerations should be factored into any vote made on this particular piece of legislation. Given the Constitutional and policy concerns the legislation raises, Renew Missouri urges you to vote "no" on HB 1160 as it is presented to this Committee. Thank you. With respect,
 James Owen
 Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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I feel this bill disincentivizes renewable energy development and unfairly burdens Missourians trying to help prevent climate change.



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Some assessors are not elected in our state. So I do not feel that this bill should be considered until the people can elect all assessors.



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Dear Chairman Coleman and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. HB 1160 threatens to reshape how property used for energy production is classified and taxed, potentially shifting financial burdens onto everyday Missourians. Currently, properties used for agricultural purposes receive different tax classifications than property used for commercial or industrial applications. However, this bill would proportionally reclassify any portion of agricultural land used for energy production as "utility, industrial, commercial" property - which results in a 20% tax rate increase. Imagine a farm that has traditionally been taxed at agricultural rates. If that farm leases a small section of land for a solar panel installation or wind turbines, the landowner would suddenly face a significantly higher tax assessment for the land.. This is an unacceptable reality that must be avoided. In conclusion, HB 1160 intensely disincentivizes renewable energy development and unfairly burdens Missourians trying to help prevent climate change. To stand up for fair taxation and support Missouri's agricultural communities we here at MCE respectfully urge you to vote "no" on HB 1160. Thank you for your time and consideration



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Some family farmers are surviving because they have extra income from energy production on their land. Taxing them extra because of energy production on their land is unfair, particularly when the legislature is planning on cutting corporate tax rates to zero.



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Why does Busick want to financially burden Missouri farmers and ranchers? Please oppose this legislation.