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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GINA EVENSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: gevenson1990@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:03 PM
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Please do not approve this bill. The Affton PD has saved the lives of my family ! This district has responded to my house on at least three occasions to provide aid to my children and spouse during medical emergencies. They responded quickly and were professional and efficient. It is a proud addition to our community. They put on events for Bayless PTA, give free courses and helped us with putting in our car seats.



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WITNESS NAME: JIM ZAVIST		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jzavist@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:46 PM

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I fully support this bill. The Affton Fire Protection District has been charging increasing amounts to the City of Crestwood for no commensurate increase in service. The City of Crestwood is willing and able to serve this area and should be allowed to do so.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: KRIS SIMPSON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-729-4700	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF CRESTWOOD		TITLE: CITY ADMINISTRATOR	
ADDRESS: 1 DETJEN DRIVE			
CITY: CRESTWOOD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63126
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:00 AM

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WITNESS NAME: MADISON BAUMHOEGGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: madisonb2016@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:08 PM
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Support my brother and other firefighters			



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: congo059@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 7:39 AM
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I am in support of HB1385.			



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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: PAT KELLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 11911 DORSETT			
CITY: MARYLAND HEIGHTS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63043
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/23/2025 12:00 AM	

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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: SCOTT SHIPLEY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-729-4710	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF CRESTWOOD		TITLE: MAYOR	
ADDRESS: 1 DETJEN DRIVE			
CITY: CRESTWOOD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63126
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WITNESS NAME: ALICIA REYNOLDS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: alicia.a.wilson@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:35 PM
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I live within the Affton Fire district. This has gone to court several times and it seems silly to be now trying to rewrite the laws. Our fire district is amazing. The fire fighters are often seen in the community, supporting it through various kinds of service. This bill would negatively impact them and what they do for our community.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY SANDBACH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: mother2my5@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:03 AM
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I support the Affton Fire District			



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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA RIBAUDO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: aarses@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 10:31 AM
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WITNESS NAME: ANNA CASALEGGI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: atcasaleggi@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:05 PM
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WITNESS NAME: ANNE BADALAMENTI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: chrandom2023@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:56 PM
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/23/2025 11:59 PM

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I am very opposed to this Bill. This Legislation opens-up a Big "Can-of-Worms." Keep the Afton Fire Protection District Boundaries the same, just like the School Districts that serve the City of Crestwood. This is a bad Bill and Bad Public Policy. I will Testify more at the continued Public Hearing, next week.



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WITNESS NAME: ASHTON LAKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: mvlake1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/22/2025 7:08 AM
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Dear Honorable Representatives, I am writing to you as a dedicated firefighter serving with the Affton Fire Protection District in St. Louis County, Missouri, to formally express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385. As a professional committed to the safety and well-being of our community, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of this legislation on our ability to provide effective and timely emergency services. House Bill 1385, as proposed, introduces changes that could undermine the operational integrity and financial stability of fire protection districts like ours. Specifically, the bill's provisions appear to prioritize certain administrative or regulatory adjustments that may inadvertently strain the resources of districts already operating under tight budgets. The Affton Fire Protection District serves approximately 40,000 residents across 8.5 square miles, responding to emergencies with a team of 36 career firefighters. Any legislation that risks diverting funds or imposing additional bureaucratic burdens could directly impact our capacity to maintain equipment, train personnel, and respond promptly to calls. Moreover, the bill does not adequately address the unique challenges faced by fire districts in balancing emergency medical services, fire suppression, and specialized operations, such as our participation in the St. Louis County Urban Search and Rescue. These services require consistent funding and staffing, which could be jeopardized by the proposed changes. Our district's ability to protect lives and property depends on maintaining a delicate balance of resources, and HB 1385 threatens to disrupt this equilibrium without offering clear benefits to public safety. I urge you to consider the perspective of firefighters who witness firsthand the critical need for robust, well-funded fire protection services. Instead of advancing HB 1385, I respectfully request that the legislature engage with fire district leaders and first responders to craft policies that strengthen our ability to serve. We stand ready to collaborate on solutions that enhance community safety without compromising the operational needs of districts like Affton. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your service to the people of Missouri. I trust you will carefully weigh the consequences of moving forward with HB 1385.



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WITNESS NAME: AUTUMN LAURE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: autumn.laure@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:35 AM

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This would be very bad for Affton and my husband. He is doing clinicals at Affton fire house and this may cause him to lose this.



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WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN M. WASER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bmwaser@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/21/2025 8:34 PM
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Missouri House of Representatives201 W Capitol AveJefferson City, MO 65101Re: Opposition to House Bill 1385Dear Representatives,I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385. While I understand the intent behind this legislation may be to provide financial relief to certain entities or individuals, the consequences it poses for local emergency services—especially fire protection districts—are deeply concerning and potentially dangerous.Fire protection districts across Missouri rely heavily on property tax revenue to fund essential services, including emergency response, fire suppression, medical assistance, and life-saving equipment and training. House Bill 1385 threatens to significantly reduce that revenue base, particularly for districts that are already operating with tight budgets and limited resources.If this bill is passed, fire districts will be forced to either reduce critical services or seek alternative sources of revenue to maintain current operations. In most cases, this will mean turning to the voters to approve tax increases—something that places an unnecessary burden on local taxpayers and risks further instability in public safety funding if such measures fail.This is not merely a budgetary issue; it’s a public safety issue. Slower response times, outdated equipment, or fewer trained personnel can directly lead to more property damage, greater injury risk, and even loss of life in our communities. At a time when public safety is more important than ever, HB 1385 undermines the ability of fire districts to do their job and protect the people they serve.I urge you to discontinue House Bill 1385 and to instead consider legislation that strengthens—not weakens—our local emergency services. Our firefighters, paramedics, and first responders deserve our full support, and our communities deserve to feel secure knowing help will be there when they need it most.Thank you for your time and your service to the people of Missouri.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN M. WASER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-471-9911	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AFFTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		TITLE: CAPTAIN	
ADDRESS: 9282 GRAVOIS RD.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63123
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/23/2025 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN WASER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-631-1803	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AFFTON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		TITLE: CHIEF	
ADDRESS: 9282 GRAVOIS RD.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63123
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WITNESS NAME: BLAKE KERN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bkern@afftonfire.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/22/2025 6:45 PM
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Disappointment with House Bill 1385 Dear Committee Members, My name is Blake Kern. I am a paramedic/firefighter who loves my Affton Fire Protection District service. I have a unique experience, having worked as a medic for a private medical service that aided in parts of the City of Crestwood. Fire Protection Districts are just that. They are districts that cross possibly several municipalities and provide emergency fire and medical services to those areas. The communities rely on that relationship, as do the districts that serve them. They invest in each other. Investments made not only for today and tomorrow but for years and decades in the future. Affton Fire Protection has invested to serve their district's current residents. We must continue to provide the level of service to all the residents currently in the district. House Bill 1385 could disrupt this vital community relationship—a relationship that saves lives. Please Vote NO on HB1835 and protect the firefighters who protect the people. Thank you in advance for your "life" support. Respectfully yours, Blake Kern-- Firefighter/Paramedic Affton Fire Protection District



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WITNESS NAME: BRENDAN TALLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Brendantalley1995@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:02 PM
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What Representative Brad Christ is attempting to do with this bill is disgraceful. This issues has already been upheld by the Missouri Supreme court and has no business being voted on by the Missouri State House. I say this as a Republican Mr. Christ, DO BETTER. Your Bill puts the residents of Affton as well as the area in question at risk of sub par emergency services and response. This is unacceptable.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN D GIDDENS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: brianstl7649@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:37 PM
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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN LIVINGSTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: robot02.plat@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:04 PM
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This should not be handled at the state level - this is a local issue to be rectified-			



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL RUSSELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: carolrussell72@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:43 PM
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As a lifetime resident of Affton, I am disappointed that Rep. Christ would use these means to take money from our district. The issues between Crestwood and Affton FD has been resolved through the courts already. This bill would harm my community and reduce our FD's ability to give the excellent care and service that my neighbors and I rely on. Please consider not passing any bills that would harm out community!



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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE VAN LEUVEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: catjwar@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 2:57 PM
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WITNESS NAME: CATHY CHAPMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: Cathychapman506@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:23 PM
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WITNESS NAME: CATIE O'KEEFFE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: catielwims@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 5:40 PM

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We need to keep our fire department fully funded, not cutting it. This will harm our community and make us less safe.



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WITNESS NAME: CECILIA YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: ceciliayoung4@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:26 PM
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINA CODY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: christinacody82@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:57 PM

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As someone in support of the Affton Fire Protection District, this bill does nothing to support the community it serves. It only serves to undermine fire services in the community. The property taxes in that parcel of land would go to a fire district that serves fewer individuals and a much smaller overall first area.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: thobson75@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:15 PM

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We need updated safety equipment, services, and staff here in Affton to protect our citizens. A 10% cut would be devastating to my community. Do not make any cuts to the Affton FD.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Cmfrn1975@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:55 PM

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I am in opposition to this bill.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: hawks1313@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:26 PM
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Keep Affton Fire Department			



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER MEYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: citymorguecycles@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:07 PM
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WITNESS NAME: CLAY HODGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: clayhodge11@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/22/2025 2:14 PM
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The passage of this bill would be unfair and unjust. This bill would do extensive damage to public safety. When the city of crestwood annexed the area this legislation pertains to they agreed to pay the tax that would be levied against the residents now they want to back out of their commitment made to the residents that have always been protected by the Affton fire district. Passing this legislation would be burdensome to the Affton fire district and the residents it protects. While the city of Crestwood builds a 30 million dollar community center. If this legislation passes fire districts will have no way of protecting themselves from municipalities taking what ever land they so choose.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN CLARKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: snorkelco1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:55 PM
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As a life long resident of the Affton Fire Protection District, a taxpayer in the Affton Fire Protection District, and a family member of family who has had to call upon the top notch, professional and quick services of the Affton Fire Protection District, I am 110% opposed of this bill, HB 1385. The residence with-in the Affton Fire Protection District, who a large number of senior citizens on fixed incomes have become relied on the services of the Affton Fire Protection District. The City of Crestwood on there own decided to annex part of the Affton Fire Protection District for only reason of taxbase and dollars. The residence in the area have made it very clear they want to keep the high qaulity and professional services of the Affton Fire Protection District and the City of Crestwood has cost their taxpayers along with the taxpayers of the Affton Fire Protection District tax money fighting in court, which I might ad, Crestwood has loss everytime. Instead of wasting taxpayer money, do your job Brad Christ and save money for the taxpayers. What a wasteful and stupid bill.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL BERTINO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dannyb2015@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/22/2025 8:43 PM
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Dear Representatives My name is Dan Bertino, And I've proudly served as a firefighter for the past 20 years. I'm also a lifelong Missourian who cares deeply about the safety of our communities and the integrity of the fire protection systems we've built across the state. I'm writing to urge you to oppose House Bill 1385. This bill would force certain cities—specifically Crestwood—to take over fire protection responsibilities for areas that have been safely and effectively served by local fire protection districts for decades. As someone who works on the front lines, I can tell you firsthand: this isn't just a policy shift—it's a serious risk to public safety. Fire districts like the ones affected by this bill are well-trained, well-equipped, and familiar with the neighborhoods they protect. Breaking up that system not only creates confusion, it delays response times, and puts lives and property at risk. What's more troubling is that the residents in these annexed areas would lose their ability to vote in fire district elections or even serve on the district boards. That's not just unfair—it's taxation without representation. These folks are still footing the bill, but they'd have zero say in how their fire protection is managed. As a firefighter, I believe in local control, public trust, and accountability. HB 1385 undermines all three. It's a top-down solution to a problem that doesn't exist, and it opens the door to more state interference in well-functioning local systems. Please stand with Missouri firefighters, first responders, and the people we serve. Vote NO on HB 1385. Thank you for your time and commitment to the safety of our communities. Sincerely, Dan Bertino



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL G. THACKER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-209-0018	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TEAMSTERS LOCAL 610		TITLE: SECRETARY-TREASURER	
ADDRESS: 11472 SCHENK DRIVE			
CITY: MARYLAND HEIGHTS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63043
EMAIL: danthacker@teamsterslocal610.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 11:39 AM
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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH DONNELLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: ddonnellystl@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 8:58 AM

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Support local fire departments by opposing this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: DENISE NICCUM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: deniseniccum8389@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:18 PM

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I am long time resident of Affton.I have had a few experiences with the Affton fire department,they are very respected an knowledgeable. Keep our power local,we don't want outsiders involved in our local fire department.



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WITNESS NAME: DEVIN GATES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: devingates81@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 5:34 PM
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This cut would be detrimental to my community.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE AYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dianeayer@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:41 PM
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WITNESS NAME: DIANE BURTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Dianelb@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 8:55 PM

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I have lived in Affton for over 40 years and I'm in opposition to this bill. I support the Affton Fire Department



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE REEVE HECKENKAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: diane_heckenkamp@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 6:06 PM
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I am opposed to Brad Christ's attempts to overturn the Missouri Supreme Court findings against City of Crestwood in such a sneaky dishonest way, typical for his dangerous extremism. As a lifelong resident of Affton 101, our Fire Protection District is superior to Crestwood where Brad Christ should focus his efforts. My Crestwood friends who voted for Brad tell me they do NOT support his extreme attack on Affton. Affton Fire Protection District has served my family for generations in every way you dare imagine. I trust my Fire Chief and past Chiefs who all agree this is bad for Affton. I trust current and past firefighters who all agree this is bad for them and all of us. I stand firmly with AFD and will oppose this at every turn.



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WITNESS NAME: DILLON KNACKSTEDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: richardthelionhearted@zoho.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 11:31 PM
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This bill would retroactively alter the status quo between the City of Crestwood and Affton Fire Protection district decided in No. SC 97653 in 2021. Crestwood's annexation of the portion of the fire district in question was conducted under the promise that the area would remain in the Affton Fire district and Crestwood would continue to pay, on the resident's behalf, a rate equal to all other residents in the fire district. It is important this bill not undo the court case's unanimous decision or the will of the voters who accepted annexation into Crestwood under the current conditions.



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WITNESS NAME: DONNA WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: missydog2@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:13 PM

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I strongly Oppose!



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WITNESS NAME: EDWIN BURTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: erburton48@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:00 PM

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I'm an Affton resident and support the Affton Fire Department. I'm opposing this bill



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY HEITMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: emily52754@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 6:37 AM
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I oppose House Bill 1385. This legislation threatens critical funding that our local fire department relies on to protect our community. These funds are used for essential services—maintaining equipment, training personnel, and responding quickly to emergencies that save lives. My family has relied on this quick response on multiple occasions and I have seen the difference even a few minutes can make. Moreover, decisions about how our fire departments are funded and operated should remain in the hands of local communities. Our local leaders and residents best understand the needs and challenges we face. Thank you for your consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC REBERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: afpderebert@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:42 PM
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In regards to HB 1385 I find it unfair/unlawful that the City of Crestwood incorporated a section of the Affton Fire Protection District back in the late 90's agreeing to pay the taxes due to the fire district on an annual basis, but now they are attempting to stop payment and essentially take over an area that has been in the Affton Fire Protection District's service area since 1942. This unlawful action sets a standard in the state that an incorporated city can just take over a district in an unincorporated area if they so choose. What is stopping an incorporated area from walking down Main Street and taking them over - wiping out districts in their path. It's wrong on the city of Crestwood and unfair to the Affton residents and Affton Fire Protection District.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC SCHULTZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: eschultz@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:06 PM
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I do not support this bill. Our community can not offer the same level of services with a budget cut. Our community depends on these critical services and we do not need the state government making these decisions for us. This is a local issue and deserves local voices only.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIN TISHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: firewifetisher@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:14 PM
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This was settled in the Supreme Court already. This is a matter between Crestwood and Affton Fire Protection District. My tax dollars should not be wasted on frivolous bills that does not support our entire state.



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WITNESS NAME: EVAN WOOD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: chromelbz@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/20/2025 11:25 AM
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Subject: Evan Wood's Opposition to House Bill 1385

Dear Committee Members, I'm Evan Wood, and I'm honored to serve with the Affton Fire Protection District. I'm reaching out to voice my firm stance against House Bill 1385, which I see as a serious risk to our district, the people we serve, and the taxpayers we're committed to safeguarding. This legislation zeroes in on a section of land annexed by Crestwood back in the 1990s—a region that's always been part of the Affton Fire Protection District's territory. When Crestwood took over that area, they assured residents they'd still have access to Affton Fire's services. That assurance was a key reason the community went along with it. Now, years later, Crestwood wants to backtrack on that deal, pushing this bill to offload the consequences of their own financial missteps—especially tied to the botched Crestwood Mall project—onto Affton's residents. Here's the kicker: Crestwood has already burned through a pile of taxpayer cash dragging our district through the courts to cut this area loose. They lost at every turn, including a unanimous defeat at the Missouri Supreme Court. After striking out in the legal system, they're now trying to bend the legislative process to get what the courts wouldn't give them. House Bill 1385 isn't just a clumsy fix for one city's money troubles—it's a direct hit on the trust people place in local government. If this passes, it could unleash a wave of copycat moves by other cities in St. Louis County and beyond, chipping away at the stability and autonomy of fire districts like ours. I'm counting on our state lawmakers to see this bill for what it is: a reckless overreach. Don't let Crestwood's financial fumbles become everyone else's problem. Don't let legislation become a workaround to dodge court decisions and shatter commitments to taxpayers. I strongly ask you to vote NO on House Bill 1385. Sincerely, Evan Wood

Affton Fire Protection District



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WITNESS NAME: GINNY AHILLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Gahillen@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:14 PM

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No information on how much annual amount would be paid. We need to protect our firefighters in Affton and Crestwood. Affton has likely paid so much in court cost why is this coming up now, and is Christ from Crestwood so how do they benefit from all of this.



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WITNESS NAME: GREG M MINNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: greg.minner@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 5:57 PM

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I am opposed to HB 1385. The state house has no business legislating a local issue.



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WITNESS NAME: GREGG PETERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: melngregg@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:33 PM
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We need to protect our local Affton fire department. Its current ongoing operation is crucial to our community. All decisions should be made locally by those who are closest and most experienced in the handling of our every day operations.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: smwirbw@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:47 PM

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I am opposed to this bill because my brother is a firefighter for Affton Fire District



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jmarler89@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:20 PM

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It's already been decided in the Missouri Supreme Court.



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WITNESS NAME: JAKE KOESTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jkoester@afftonfire.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 11:21 AM
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I, Jake Koester of the Affton Fire Protection District, strongly oppose House Bill 1385. This bill would harm the Affton Fire Protection District, our community, and local taxpayers. The area in question was annexed by the City of Crestwood in the 1990s, with the understanding—promised to residents—that fire protection would remain under Affton. Now, facing financial difficulties, Crestwood seeks to shift its burden onto our district as a temporary fix. This is a poor example of municipal management. Furthermore, passing this bill sets a dangerous precedent, potentially encouraging similar overreaches by other municipalities bordering fire protection districts across St. Louis County. I trust our state legislators will recognize the long-term harm this bill could cause. Please do not let a city's financial mismanagement become a statewide issue. Reject House Bill 1385.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES CRIPPS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jcripps11@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 12:05 PM
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Dear Representatives I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385, sponsored by Representative Christ. This legislation proposes significant changes to fire protection service arrangements that would negatively impact residents in annexed areas—particularly those in the city of Crestwood. Under this bill, cities fitting a narrow and highly specific population and governance profile would be required to assume responsibility for fire protection services in annexed areas, even if those areas are currently served by a fire protection district. The legislation would also eliminate the ability of residents in these annexed areas to vote in fire protection district elections or serve on district boards—effectively stripping them of their voice and representation in matters of public safety and taxation. This bill raises serious concerns for the following reasons:

- **Taxation Without Representation:** Residents in the affected areas would no longer have a say in the governance of the fire protection districts funded by their tax dollars, violating core democratic principles.
- **Loss of Local Control:** HB 1385 removes the ability for localities to negotiate arrangements that best serve their constituents, instead imposing a one-size-fits-all policy from the state level.
- **Public Safety Risks:** Transferring fire protection responsibilities from established districts to cities without a clear transition plan could compromise emergency response times, training standards, and overall effectiveness—especially in times of crisis.
- **Targeted Legislation:** The bill's narrowly tailored language suggests it is aimed specifically at a single municipality, which sets a troubling precedent for governance and legislative fairness.

Residents and fire districts have developed functional, cooperative relationships over the years that serve the public interest. For the state to interfere in these arrangements without the consent of local stakeholders is not only overreach—it's a disservice to those communities. I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 1385 and any legislation that undermines the safety, representation, and autonomy of Missouri's local communities. Sincerely, James Cripps



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WITNESS NAME: JANICE MARINO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jmarino814@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 11:41 PM

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I am opposed to MO HB 1385, as I have family in the Affton area!



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WITNESS NAME: JEAN M WATSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jsluhan@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:09 PM

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No funding to be taken away from Affton Fire District.



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WITNESS NAME: JEANETTE SCHOENBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jhschoenberg@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/23/2025 5:55 AM
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I Jeanette Schoenberg, a citizen and a tax payer of the Affton Fire Protection District, strongly oppose House Bill 1385. It will be detrimental to the Affton Fire Protection District as well as the Affton Community and tax payers considering our district is set up to service this area. This Bill targets an area that was annexed by Crestwood in the 1990's. This area has always been under Affton Fire District and the community agreed to the annexation only after they were promised by the City of Crestwood that they would be able to keep the Affton Fire District as theirs. Only now that Crestwood has had financial woes that they now want to pass that burden onto the Affton Community as their way of only temporarily fixing it. Ask yourself, if they are already experiencing financial hardship, will they be able to effectively service this area for fire and paramedics? Is it their plan to provide the same level of service or lean on Affton when they don't have enough staff to service the additional community members? I think it will be the latter, and we citizens of Affton will be stuck paying the bill. This is an irresponsible example of local Government City Municipality Management. This Bill will also open up further land grabs by Municipalities in St. Louis County boarding Fire Protection District. I am confident that our State level Government will have this foresight and the damaging effect that could take place in other areas as well. Please do not allow a Municipality's Blunder to become a Blunder from those in our State Government. Do not allow this Bill to be pushed through. Another reason is I don't like the state stepping in on local government. Too often, the state makes laws that pertain to one area or size or any parameters they can think of to make sure the law only pertains to a certain particular part of the state. State laws should apply to the entire state.



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WITNESS NAME: JILL HEFNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jillaa0115@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 4:54 PM

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Affton Fire has already won unanimously thru the Missouri Supreme court with Affton Fire. I am in opposition to this bill as it will take power away from local control. This is the community I live in and want to keep my community safe, as this bill will take 9-10% of the budge away from the fire department. How would that keep us safe? I want our fireman paid and them to have the equipment they need to keep our community and neighbors safe.



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WITNESS NAME: JIM KETTELKAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: kettelkamp@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:39 PM

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I support the Affton Fire Protection District. Any loss of funding, or outside oversight is not in the best interest of the local residents/businesses.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN DESHERLIA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: telephoneguy@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:47 PM

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I oppose this effort by Christ to do away with the effort by City of Crestwood to break an agreement to cause an tax decrease and make taxes go up for all in the Affton Fire District.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN JANAVICIUS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jtjana1@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:19 AM

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Do not cut funding for our critical first responders and the people protecting our wellbeing and homes.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN SWARTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: rpger0791@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:26 PM
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Cutting Affton Fire Department budget would be a significantly affect the life saving service they provide to the area and the additional support to the surrounding areas. First responders are a key element of any infrastructure, limiting their budgets sets them back from being able to provide these life saving services not only by keeping them from replacing out dated equipment but also from replenishing their supplies. Limiting their ability to offer competitive pay for quality of new talent to replace those lost in service or retirement. This also limits their ability to assist nearby areas that may require much needed assistance due to natural or manmade disasters. I strongly oppose this bill as a citizen of Affton and having needed the services of this highly regarded Affton Fire Department in the past. Do not pass this bill, it is an affront to and poses an immediate danger to the tax paying public who rely on these much needed emergency services and their qualified personnel.



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WITNESS NAME: JORDAN LEVINSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: ffemtpstl@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 11:37 AM
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Dear Representatives, I am writing to voice my firm opposition to House Bill 1385, sponsored by Representative Christ. This bill proposes significant changes to fire protection service arrangements that would have harmful consequences for residents in annexed areas—particularly within the city of Crestwood. HB 1385 mandates that cities fitting a very narrow and specific population and governance profile take over fire protection services in annexed areas, even when those areas are already being served effectively by a fire protection district. Additionally, it would disenfranchise residents in those areas by removing their right to vote in fire protection district elections or serve on district boards—essentially stripping them of representation on critical matters involving public safety and taxation. This bill presents several major concerns:

- **Taxation Without Representation:** Residents would be forced to continue funding fire districts without any say in their governance, violating foundational democratic principles.
- **Erosion of Local Control:** The bill removes the flexibility of local governments and districts to work out solutions tailored to their unique communities, replacing it with a rigid, top-down mandate.
- **Public Safety Concerns:** Shifting fire protection responsibilities without a comprehensive transition plan threatens response times, training standards, and emergency preparedness.
- **Highly Targeted Legislation:** The bill's narrowly defined criteria appear to single out a specific municipality, raising concerns about fairness and legislative integrity. For years, fire districts and local residents have maintained cooperative, effective arrangements that serve the public well.

State-level interference in these agreements—particularly without community input—is not only an overreach, but a disservice to the people of Missouri. I strongly urge you to vote against HB 1385 and any similar legislation that compromises the safety, representation, and self-governance of our local communities. Sincerely, Jordan Levinson



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH CLARKSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: joeclarkson64@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:45 PM
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This has gone through the courts. We need to have local control . I am opposed to to HB1385			



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EMAIL: julia4craig@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:38 PM
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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE HODGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: katherine.hodge@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:06 PM

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Crestwood wanted this law 30 years ago, and if this passes it will open Pandora's box and fire districts will be eaten up all over St. Louis county. This has already been through the court system and needs to be dropped. Crestwood needs to pay what they agreed to.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHERINE SLINKARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: kateslinkard@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:37 PM

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I am opposed to the bill because my brother is an afton firefighter.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN FITZGERALD		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: katfitz09@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 8:22 AM
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Vote no on this bill!!!!It hurts our Affton firefighters!!			



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WITNESS NAME: KEITH CRUMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Kcrump@afftonfire.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/20/2025 11:25 AM
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Dear Honorable Representatives, I am writing to you as a dedicated Paramedic/Firefighter with the Affton Fire Protection District (AFPD), serving the communities of Grantwood Village, Marlborough, Lakeshire, Wilbur Park, Village of Mackenzie, parts of Crestwood, and unincorporated St. Louis County. On behalf of my colleagues and the residents we serve, I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1385, due to its potential to undermine the operational effectiveness and financial stability of fire protection districts across Missouri, including our own. The Affton Fire Protection District is committed to providing exceptional emergency medical services, fire prevention, suppression, and rescue operations to approximately 40,000 residents across 8.5 square miles. Our team of 36 career firefighters operates with a high level of professionalism and dedication, as evidenced by our participation in the St. Louis County Special Operations Team, the St. Louis County Tactical Operations Team, and Missouri Task Force One. However, HB 1385 introduces provisions that could jeopardize our ability to maintain these critical services. I am concerned that the bill may impose restrictions or mandates that could strain our district's resources or redirect funding away from essential operations. For example, any legislation that reduces tax revenues or alters annexation agreements could directly impact our ability to purchase lifesaving equipment, maintain our fleet of emergency vehicles, or adequately staff our stations. As recently demonstrated by our community's support for Proposition F on April 2, 2024, which authorized a \$15 million bond issue to fund critical equipment and supplies, our residents value and rely on our services. Any policy that undermines this support threatens public safety. Furthermore, the Affton Fire Protection District has a long-standing tradition of fiscal responsibility and community engagement. We provide innovative programs, such as CPR and First Aid training, the STARS program for children with special needs, and commercial inspections, all while responding to a record pace of emergency calls. HB 1385 risks disrupting these efforts by introducing unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles or financial constraints that could divert our focus from serving our community. I respectfully request that you consider the broader implications of HB 1385 on fire protection districts like ours, which serve as the backbone of emergency response in Missouri. I urge you to engage with fire service professionals and community stakeholders to ensure that any legislative changes strengthen, rather than weaken, our ability to protect lives and property. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and for your service to the people of Missouri. Sincerely, Keith Crump Paramedic/Firefighter Affton Fire Protection District



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WITNESS NAME: KELLY CONNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: Kgmb99@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:10 PM
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This takes valuable assets aware from fire departments			



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WITNESS NAME: KELLY PALMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: kelly3077@hotmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:56 PM

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I am opposed to this. It has been decided in court. Leave the Affton Fire Dept alone. The courts have decided this issue.



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EMAIL: kpaluczak@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 10:49 AM
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: krqkgh@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 5:45 PM

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20 year Affton Resident. You clearly do not know what firefighters do if you introduced a bill that would take away some of their budget. We need these funds to help keep our firefighters safe which In turn will keep our community safe.



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WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY MAXWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: kcm Maxwell7@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 10:40 PM
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EMAIL: laura.janavicius@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:15 AM

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We need to have our fire fighters here in Affton taken care of for our safety.



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EMAIL: lms2kds@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:52 PM
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385. This bill would result in a negative impact on the Affton Fire District by reducing its budget by 9-10%. This puts our community and the firefighters that support us at risk. The issue with the parcel of land in dispute has been adjudicated through the courts and decided in favor of the Affton Fire District. This is the appropriate process for an issue that should be decided by the local jurisdictions, not at the state level and is another example of the state government's over-reach. I am a registered voter and will be closely monitoring how the officials our community has sent to the State Capital to represent us vote on this bill



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WITNESS NAME: LISA WOLF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: LTW70@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 1:07 AM
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I am an Affton resident. I oppose HB 1385 and the negative affect it would have on the Affton Fire Department, and subsequently the negative affect on our community if implemented.



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WITNESS NAME: LORI JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: lorijo125@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 9:45 PM

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It is a waste of taxpayer dollars to have local issues written into our state regulations. This was decided and even upheld by the Missouri Supreme Court.



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EMAIL: loriotta@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 4:09 PM
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As a resident of Affton, I am writing to strongly oppose HB 1385. This bill poses a direct threat to the quality and reliability of fire protection services in our community by undermining the funding of the Affton Fire Protection District. The bill would result in an estimated 10% loss of funding for our fire department — a devastating cut that jeopardizes emergency response times, firefighter staffing, and public safety. The Affton Fire Protection District has a long-standing record of service and professionalism. Removing funding or shifting service responsibilities without resident input or adequate planning is both reckless and dangerous. Public safety should not be a political bargaining chip. Residents in areas like Affton deserve to maintain the high-quality emergency services we've funded and relied on for decades. Stripping funds from our local fire district will not improve services — it will weaken them. I urge legislators to protect our community's safety and vote NO on HB 1385.



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EMAIL: lmfelts@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:36 PM

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support our local fire fighters. don't defund the fire fighters.



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WITNESS NAME: MARK BRYANT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: mbryant@afftonfire.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/21/2025 7:41 AM
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Subject: Strong Opposition to House Bill 1385 Dear Committee Members, My name is Mark Bryant, and I have proudly served with the Affton Fire Protection District for 24 years—five years as a reserve and 19 years as a career firefighter. I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385, which poses a direct threat to the Affton Fire Protection District and the safety and well-being of the residents we are sworn to protect. This bill specifically targets an area annexed by the City of Crestwood in 1997—an area that has remained under the jurisdiction of the Affton Fire Protection District. Since the annexation, Missouri statutes (Sections 72.418 and 321.322, RSMo) have required the City of Crestwood to pay the fire district an amount equivalent to what the district would have levied on taxable property within the annexed area. At the time, Crestwood officials assured residents that they would continue receiving fire protection services from Affton—an assurance that played a critical role in community support for the annexation. Now, more than two decades later, the City of Crestwood seeks to break that promise by using HB 1385 to relieve itself of its legal and financial obligations to the Affton Fire Protection District. It is important to recognize that Crestwood has already spent considerable taxpayer dollars attempting to sever this area from our district through the court system. After losing in the lower courts, they appealed all the way to the Missouri Supreme Court—and were unanimously defeated. Having failed through the judicial process, Crestwood is now seeking a legislative workaround to achieve what the courts have repeatedly denied. House Bill 1385 is not just about one city's budgetary concerns—it threatens the foundations of local governance, public trust, and the financial sustainability of fire protection services. If passed, this bill would set a dangerous precedent, opening the door for municipalities across St. Louis County and beyond to sidestep legal agreements and dismantle fire protection districts at will. While the bill may ease Crestwood's financial burden, it would place a significant and unfair strain on the Affton Fire Protection District and its taxpayers. Despite the district's good-faith efforts to work with Crestwood toward a reasonable resolution, the city has shown little interest in collaboration. This bill is a unilateral attempt to shift responsibility—one that undermines decades of public service and trust. I respectfully urge you to oppose House Bill 1385. Do not allow one municipality's fiscal challenges to become a liability for others. Do not allow the legislative process to be used to override court rulings or break promises made to the public. Thank you for your time and consideration. Very respectfully, Mark Bryant Affton Fire Protection District



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WITNESS NAME: MARK KENDALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: makendall89@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 5:35 PM
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Dear Committee Members, My name is Mark Kendall and I am a Firefighter/Paramedic for the Affton Fire Protection District. I have dedicated 12 years to this wonderful community and plan to give another 24 to finish out my career with the AFPD. I am writing you all today to express opposition to House Bill 1385. This bill directly threatens the Affton Fire Protection District and the people we serve. The bill specifically targets an area annexed by the City of Crestwood in the 1990s—an area that has always been under the jurisdiction of the AFPD. At the time of that annexation, the Crestwood administration promised residents they could still be apart of the Affton Fire Protection District. They trusted and appreciated the services offered by AFPD and did not want to lose them. With the promise from Crestwood administration that the annexed area would still be covered by our district they were able to successfully make it happen. Unfortunately, many years later, the city of Crestwood and its leaders want to break that commitment. The city's poor financial management, along with the failed Crestwood mall situation have led us to where we are today. In recent years, Crestwood has spent a substantial amount of taxpayer money on litigation with the Affton Fire Protection District to try and reverse the terms of the annexation that they themselves agreed to in the first place. They have lost in court and then appealed up to the Missouri Supreme Court, where judgement was served again—unanimously. Not happy with the decision of the courts, Crestwood is attempting to circumvent the decision passed down from our justices by using this legislation. Beyond the financial repercussions of this bill on the AFPD, this bill also sets a very dangerous precedent in St. Louis County and around our great state. This bill would open the door for other municipalities to attempt similar land grabs, undermining the effectiveness of fire protection districts and jeopardizing their financial security. I trust that our state legislators will recognize the dangerous implications of this bill. Please do not let the City of Crestwood's poor financial decisions create larger issues with potentially dangerous implications. The courts have already spoken on this matter several times. Significant financial waste and energy have been expended already. It's time for this to come to an end so we can continue to provide the high quality service that was promised to these residents many years ago. I urge you to vote NO on House Bill 1385. Thank you for your consideration, Mark Kendall Affton Fire Protection District



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WITNESS NAME: MARTHA ROULSTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mroulst@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:59 PM
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I'm am opposed to HB 1385



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WITNESS NAME: MARY ANN & ROBERT BRAUN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: braunmab@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 9:26 PM
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Please do NOT approve this bill! We are in total opposition!			



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WITNESS NAME: MARY CONNELLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: luvfootball101@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:01 PM

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Please do not pass this bill. Our Affton Fire Protection District needs their funding. They always respond quickly and efficiently. Please support them!!



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WITNESS NAME: MARY F. NAHN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: nahnmary@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:52 PM
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I oppose House Bill 1385. This legislation threatens critical funding that our local fire department relies on to protect our community. These funds are used for essential services—maintaining equipment, training personnel, and responding quickly to emergencies that save lives. My family has relied on this quick response on multiple occasions and I have seen the difference even a few minutes can make. Moreover, decisions about how our fire departments are funded and operated should remain in the hands of local communities. Our local leaders and residents best understand the needs and challenges we face. Thank you for your consideration.



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As a resident of Affton, I stand with the Affton Fire Protection District in opposition to this bill and the decision of the Missouri Supreme Court should be respected.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL BREITENSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: Mike.14breitenstein@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 6:32 AM
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I'm totally opposed to house bill 1385.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL PANICCIA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill appears to reduce the Affton Fire Department's budget by roughly 10%. This bill should be amended to include a clause to repay Affton Fire Department the lost 10% from the state of Missouri to address this issue. Time should be taken to investigate if any other regions of the state are negatively impacted, then address those issues as well.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELE ORANSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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A decrease in the budget for the Affton Fire Department would be detrimental to the community. Unfortunately, many in the area are on fixed incomes and it would be difficult for the citizens to make up a shortfall. Besides delivering excellent service to the community they also support other communities when supplemental services are needed. The issue at hand needs to be resolved between the City of Crestwood and the Affton fire department. Not the state of Missouri.



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I do not want any funding removed from Affton fire district



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WITNESS NAME: NICHOLAS FAHS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-631-1801	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AFFTON FIRE DISTRICT		TITLE: FIRE CHIEF	
ADDRESS: 9282 GRAVOIS R.			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63123
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WITNESS NAME: OLGA KALENSKA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: oschoenberg@dc58.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/23/2025 7:37 AM
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I Otto Schoenberg, who resides in the Affton Fire Protection District strongly oppose House Bill 1385 as it would be detrimental to the Affton Fire Protection District as well as the Affton Community and tax payers. This Bill targets an area that was annexed by Crestwood in the 1990's. This area has always been under Affton Fire District and the community agreed to the annexation only after they were promised by the City of Crestwood that they would be able to keep the Affton Fire District as theirs. Only now that Crestwood has had financial woos that they now want to pass that burden onto the Affton Community as their way of only temporarily fixing it. This is an irresponsible example of local Government City Municipality Management. This Bill will also open up further land grabs by Municipalities in St. Louis County boarding Fire Protection District. I am confident that our State level Government will have this foresight and the damaging effect that could take place in other areas as well. Please do not allow a Municipality's Blunder to become a Blunder from those in our State Government. Do not allow this Bill to be pushed through.



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EMAIL: hammertrish2013@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:39 PM
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This will devastate the district and put lives at risk, including those of my family and friends. Even if my family and friends were not impacted by this, cutting funding for services that provide safety and services in emergencies is horrible policy. Please do not pass this bill. The lives of residents and the safety of fire fighters and first responders is imperative. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: PEGGY A ROBB		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Affton Fire District has won through the courts and we need to honor the Missouri Supreme Court's decision. This bill will take away local control. If HB 1385 is passed, this bill will hurt the Affton Fire District and the firefighters that serve the Affton Community.



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WITNESS NAME: RACHEL ANN WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a St. Louis County resident and voter, I am in opposition to HB 1385.



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As an Affton resident and high tax payer, I'm strongly opposed to HB 1385. We have 6+ schools, 29,000 + households, several businesses and absolutely need to continue operating at the level we are currently at. This bill would result in our budget being cut by 9-10% which is absolutely unacceptable. It puts our community and our fire fighters at risk. This has also already been decided by the Missouri Supreme Court, so Please do the right thing and dissolve this bill.



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I am opposed because I used to be a resident of Affton and my son is an Affton Firefighter			



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This is not an issue that should be legislated at the state level - the 2 local communities have decided this issue, the mo supreme court has agreed. in simple terms - hands off.



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I am opposed to this because my brother is an Affton firefighter



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Affton Fire Protection is very important to our community and I feel their budget should not be cut, if I had my way it would be increased the are great people and hard workers



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT MANNING		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: smanning@afftonfire.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 3:40 PM
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I Scott Manning of the Affton Fire Protection District strongly oppose House Bill 1385 as it would be detrimental to the Affton Fire Protection District as well as the Affton Community and tax payers. This Bill targets an area that was annexed by Crestwood in the 1990's. This area has always been under Affton Fire District and the community agreed to the annexation only after they were promised by the City of Crestwood that they would be able to keep the Affton Fire District as theirs. Only now that Crestwood has had financial woos that they now want to pass that burden onto the Affton Community as their way of only temporarily fixing it. This is an irresponsible example of local Government City Municipality Management. This Bill will also open up further land grabs by Municipalities in St. Louis County boarding Fire Protection Districts. I am confident that our State level Government will have this foresight to see the damaging effects that could take place in other areas as well. Please do not allow a Municipality's Blunder to become a Blunder from those in our State Government. Do not allow this Bill to be pushed through.



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Please leave Affton Fire department as is!			



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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN LUCAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Committee Members, My name is Steven Lucas, and I am a Firefighter/Paramedic at Affton Fire Protection District. I would like to share my serious concerns about House Bill 1385. This bill puts our community, our fire district, and the taxpayers we serve at risk. The specific area on the bill was annexed by the City of Crestwood back in the 1990s. However, from the start, Crestwood made a clear promise: the residents would continue receiving service from the Affton Fire Protection District. That promise helped build trust and secure community support for the annexation in the first place. Now, years later, that promise is being tossed aside, and this bill is being made to do it. Crestwood has already tried to cut this area from our district through the courts and lost at every level, including a unanimous decision from the Missouri Supreme Court. After failing through the proper legal channels, they're now trying to accomplish the same thing through legislation. If this bill passes, it will show that that cities can ignore their commitments, lose in court, and still try to get their way through the legislature. That's a dangerous path, and it risks eroding trust in both local and state government. I ask you to vote NO on House Bill 1385. Respectfully, Steven Lucas Affton Fire Protection District



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The Missouri Supreme Court has already made a decision in this matter.			



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how can elected politicians move forward with personnel agenda issues to try to override the public vote and court of law. This has been tested in the past through appropriate/legal process and stood as set forth in the original public vote. Politicians have become shameful and disrespectful to what the public voted on and passed..



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As A local Afftonian, I am so NOT in Favor of this Change our community is growing, New home communities are being built will need the support, safety and reassurance of all these Necessities that the State of the art Fire house along with the new equipment bring. Taking the tax dollars would only be disasterous. This had been like this for many years, so I must ask what is the point NOW.??!!



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I Thomas Mullins of the Affton Fire Protection District and resident of St Louis County, strongly oppose House Bill 1385 as it would be detrimental to the Affton Fire Protection District as well as the Affton Community and tax payers. This Bill targets an area that was annexed by Crestwood in the 1990's. This area has always been under Affton Fire District and the community agreed to the annexation only after they were promised by the City of Crestwood that they would be able to keep the Affton Fire District as theirs. Only now that Crestwood has had financial woos that they now want to pass that burden onto the Affton Community as their way of only temporarily fixing it. This is an irresponsible example of local Government City Municipality Management. This Bill will also open up further land grabs by Municipalities in St. Louis County boarding Fire Protection District. I am confident that our State level Government will have this foresight and the damaging effect that could take place in other areas as well. Please do not allow a Municipality's Blunder to become a Blunder from those in our State Government. Do not allow this Bill to be pushed through. Very respectfully, Thomas J Mullins



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This matter should not be decided in the Missouri House. This should be dealt with on the local level through the Affton Fire Department and the City of Crestwood



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EMAIL: cooms25@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/18/2025 11:11 AM
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Dear Representatives I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 1385, sponsored by Representative Christ. This legislation proposes significant changes to fire protection service arrangements that would negatively impact residents in annexed areas—particularly those in the city of Crestwood. Under this bill, cities fitting a narrow and highly specific population and governance profile would be required to assume responsibility for fire protection services in annexed areas, even if those areas are currently served by a fire protection district. The legislation would also eliminate the ability of residents in these annexed areas to vote in fire protection district elections or serve on district boards—effectively stripping them of their voice and representation in matters of public safety and taxation. This bill raises serious concerns for the following reasons:

- **Taxation Without Representation:** Residents in the affected areas would no longer have a say in the governance of the fire protection districts funded by their tax dollars, violating core democratic principles.
- **Loss of Local Control:** HB 1385 removes the ability for localities to negotiate arrangements that best serve their constituents, instead imposing a one-size-fits-all policy from the state level.
- **Public Safety Risks:** Transferring fire protection responsibilities from established districts to cities without a clear transition plan could compromise emergency response times, training standards, and overall effectiveness—especially in times of crisis.
- **Targeted Legislation:** The bill's narrowly tailored language suggests it is aimed specifically at a single municipality, which sets a troubling precedent for governance and legislative fairness. Residents and fire districts have developed functional, cooperative relationships over the years that serve the public interest. For the state to interfere in these arrangements without the consent of local stakeholders is not only overreach—it's a disservice to those communities. I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 1385 and any legislation that undermines the safety, representation, and autonomy of Missouri's local communities. Sincerely, Travis Coomer



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I am Travis Pehle, a veteran employee of the Affton Fire Protection District. I am writing in opposition to HB1385. In the 1990's Crestwood annexed a portion of unincorporated St. Louis County into their city. This area had long before been part of Affton Fire District and has existed since as Affton Fire District. Passage of this bill not only would create hardship for Affton Fire District but it allows a city government to decide what is good for the residents essentially overturning their vote and in this case reducing their services. The city of Crestwood decided to annex this area. Affton Fire District did not in any way force Crestwood to put annexation on the ballot in the 90's. The residents of the entire Affton Fire District should not have their District compromised and/or overtaken. This bill would also open the door for any municipality to annex, and if the area was big enough; potentially bankrupt an existing governmental agency.



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This bill would be devastating to the Affton Fire Protection District, including the communities of Affton and the impacted portion of Crestwood, as a significant reduction in tax revenue would compromise the emergency services provided and the livelihood of the first responders serving the district. This case has been settled in the courts and to move this bill forward would set a precedent that poses a risk to many fire protection districts across the state. The burden of Crestwood's financial mismanagement should not be shifted to the citizens currently served by Affton Fire Protection District. I strongly encourage you to oppose HB 1385.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MOST POLICY INITIATIVE		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE FELLOW	
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EMAIL: chris@mostpolicyinitiative.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 7:44 PM
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Good Morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, my name is Dr. Christopher Wielga and I'm a Legislative Policy Fellow with MOST Policy Initiative. We provide non-partisan research services to the Missouri state legislature at the request of legislators. At MOST, we have a Science Note on Fire Protection Services, my testimony today will highlight some of the contents of that note. In Missouri, Fire protection services can be provided to the public in three ways: Fire Associations, Fire Protection Districts and Fire Departments. Each can have paid or volunteer firefighters. Fire Associations are non-for-profit companies organized to assist members who pay membership dues. Fire Departments are a subunit of municipal governments. They derive their funds from the municipality's general revenue, which may include fees, property and sales taxes. They are overseen by the local government. Fire Protection Districts operate as independent special services from the local government, and their activities and budget are governed by an elected board. In 2017, roughly 20 percent of the single function special government districts in Missouri, were related to fire protection. Reasons for modifying service boundaries vary across municipalities and districts. Fire service boundaries can be modified in several ways. One way is through annexation. A city can annex into an unincorporated area and become the provider for fire protection services. If a city annexes an area that is already part of a fire district, the fire protection district continues to service their established district. Fire service boundaries can also be modified by expansion, where local residents and property owners can petition to join a fire protection district. Consolidation, where multiple fire protection districts merge; and shared service agreements, where entities create mutual aid agreements to serve both areas. Reasons for modifying boundaries vary, but include improving the effectiveness and efficacy of fire protection services. There is limited peer reviewed research on the implications of modifying service boundaries. There are numerous costs associated with running a fire department or a fire protection district. Some of these include personnel costs, safety gear, repairs and maintenance. Funding levels are associated with fire service efficacy. If there is not enough revenue to support training, personnel, equipment, and vehicle maintenance, the ability for fire services to safely respond to emergencies is reduced. Thank you, happy to take any questions.