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March 24, 2025 Rep. Jeff Farnan House Conservation and Natural Resources Committee Missouri Senate 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 410 - A Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Farnan and Members of the Committee, The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. HB 1461 proposes the creation of the Soil Erosion Control Fund. This legislation is vital to addressing the pressing environmental issue of soil erosion and sedimentation in Missouri's creeks, streams, and waterways, particularly in residential areas. Soil erosion threatens the health of our ecosystems, damages infrastructure, and compromises water quality. By establishing this fund, the bill will provide homeowners' associations with the financial resources they need to implement effective, natural erosion control measures. These projects will focus on restoring natural features like culverts and creek banks, stabilizing waterways with vegetation, and improving flood management—all essential steps in protecting our water resources and the communities that rely on them. The low-interest loans provided by this fund will make it financially feasible for homeowners' associations to carry out these vital projects, ensuring that they are accessible to communities throughout the state. By requiring a vote and assessment from homeowners' associations, the bill also ensures that these projects are driven by local support and community engagement. In supporting House Bill 1461, we are investing in a healthier, more sustainable future for Missouri's environment and communities. I urge the committee to vote "yes" on this bill and help preserve the ecological integrity of our state's waterways. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JDDirector of Policy & Strategymvatterott@moenvironment.org 314-727-0600, ext. 111



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I am in Support of this Bill on its face. However, who is going to be paying the 3% of Interest Rate Reduction given to these HomeOwner Associations? There are also other options such as the Creation of a "Neighborhood Improvement District (N.I.D.)" or a "Community Improvement District (C.I.D.)" with a Tax-Levy being passed and Collected by the County Collector of Revenue. The State Department of Natural Resources "Revolving Loan Fund" will NEED additional Appropriations to fulfill the NEEDS of the Program. In addition three (3) additional Full-Time Employees will need to be hired to implement and Operate the Program.