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BILL NUMBER: HB 440		DATE: 3/27/2025	
COMMITTEE: Legislative Review			
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I am in Support of this Bill. There NEEDS to be changes in the location and taxation of "Solar-Farms" in our State. This Bill limits the amount/consumption of land to two (2) Percent within any given County. This Bill Sets a Rate of fair-taxation for "Solar-Farms." This Bill provides that Solar-Farms must be located a certain distance from any residence and have fair and ample setbacks from residential or other buildings. Let's pass this "Solar-Farm" Protection Legislation!



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Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in opposition to the House Committee Substitute for House Bill 440 & 1160. We join fellow opposition to this legislation with organizations such as Ameren Missouri and concur with much of their sentiments. Investment in solar energy will increase the reliability of Missouri's grid and improve capacity, in turn attracting further economic activity in our state. We should be investing in a diversified energy network, not hamstringing our reliance on select few resources. We also have specific Constitutional concerns with HCS HB 440 & 1160. Provisions of the bill set county-wide percentage limits on solar energy projects and it is Renew Missouri's contention such a limit would violate the Missouri Constitution's "Right to Farm" amendment that reads: That agriculture which provides food, energy, health benefits, and security is the foundation and stabilizing force of Missouri's economy. To protect this vital sector of Missouri's economy, the right of farmers and ranchers to engage in farming and ranching practices shall be forever guaranteed in this state... If this provision were to pass, it would lead to a Constitutional challenge. Counties currently have the ability to reasonably regulate land by adopting zoning ordinances. If a County Commission believes they should be able to restrict solar projects, they should put zoning laws in place. Absent that, the Legislature adopting this language picks winners and losers through selective land use restrictions. If the Missouri Legislature feels strongly about restricting or freeing up certain types of land use, we would encourage a statewide zoning system that would put in place a fully encompassing set of rules and regulations across all unincorporated areas. Given the Constitutional and policy concerns this legislation raises, Renew Missouri urges you to vote "no" on HCS HB 440 & 1160 as it is presented to this Committee. Thank you.



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