



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HB 497		DATE: 2/10/2025	
COMMITTEE: Insurance			
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: HAMPTON WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-793-0673	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI INSURANCE COALITION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 220 W. HIGH STREET, SUITE B			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/10/2025 12:00 AM	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: LUKE REED		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3511	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 428 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE			
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW SMITH		PHONE NUMBER: 417-988-2257	
REPRESENTING: ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI		TITLE: VP OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	
ADDRESS: 130 RIEF CT, UNIT B			
CITY: HOLTS SUMMIT		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65043
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW W. MURPHY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-356-6325	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AUTO DEALERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: ATTORNEY	
ADDRESS: 3901 SOUTH PROVIDENCE ROAD, SUITE D			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65203
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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK BONNOT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MIRMA		TITLE: LOSS CONTROL DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 3002 FALLING LEAF COURT			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
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WITNESS NAME: PHILLIP ARNZEN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-952-4373	
REPRESENTING: NAMIC		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 2955 SOUTH RUNNING DEER COURT			
CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65201
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WITNESS NAME: RICH AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-1845	
REPRESENTING: AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 112 EAST HIGH ST.			
CITY: JC		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-4601	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/ MAC TRUST		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 1648 EAST ELM STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: shobbs@mocounties.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 2/10/2025 11:23 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: TORI MERCADO		PHONE NUMBER: 417-862-5567	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 202 S JOHN Q HAMMONS PARKWAY			
CITY: SPRINGFIELD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65806
EMAIL: tmercado@springfieldchamber.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/10/2025 12:22 PM
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Dear Chairman Diehl and members of the House Committee on Insurance: On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 497 sponsored by Representative Christ. House Bill 497 provides important clarifications to Missouri's workers' compensation system, ensuring consistency in how claims and medical treatments are evaluated. By aligning the standard for determining compensability with the standard for covering specific medical treatments, this legislation strengthens the integrity of the system. Under this bill, a work-related injury must be the prevailing factor causing the need for medical treatment in order for that treatment to be covered under workers' compensation. This critical clarification ensures that Missouri's workers' compensation system remains fair and predictable while preventing unnecessary claims that drive up costs for employers. Establishing a consistent standard for determining both claims and medical treatment coverage creates greater certainty for businesses while maintaining appropriate protections for injured workers. Missouri businesses rely on a well-balanced workers' compensation system that provides necessary benefits while avoiding unnecessary cost burdens. The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce supports efforts to enhance clarity and fairness within the system, and we encourage your support of House Bill 497 to ensure a stable and sustainable framework for both employers and employees. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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I am Opposed to this Bill. This Bill is written and proposed by Special-Interest who will profit from Our State Worker's Compansation Program. Defeat this Bill!



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE SCHLUETER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RANDY ALBERHASKY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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