



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HB 520		DATE: 2/18/2025	
COMMITTEE: Government Efficiency			
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WITNESS NAME: ANNETTE NOWAKOWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: annettenowakowski@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/18/2025 6:08 PM
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Support HB 520. Sending mail via certified mail is a waste of tax payer money. As a blind person, I routinely throw away post cards and little pieces of mail thinking they are just advertisement. Therefore, I would overlook the certified mail piece of paper. On the other hand, I will pay attention to mail in a business envelop. If a person misses the certified mail delivery, they have to go to the post office. This can be a real hardship for blind people who do not have adequate transportation.



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WITNESS NAME: DANA RIPPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is a very reasonable bill that would benefit constituents. It also appears to truly increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary costs. As a Missouri citizen, I support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: EUGENE COULTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: GCoulter@NFBMO.Org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2025 4:17 PM
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The removal of the requirement to send Blind Pension reviews by certified will not only save the the state of Missouri tens of thousands in expenditures but will also save recipients a lot of time and money as well. Here in Columbia it would cost me a \$25 cab fare one way to pick up the mailing from the opposite side of town if I were not home when the letter came to the door. On one occassion I was home but the carrier did not even bother coming to ring the bell. Please pass this out of committee



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WITNESS NAME: JENNY CARMACK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jcarmack314@nfbmo.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/18/2025 8:53 AM
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I am in favor of passing HB 520. For me as a blind person who does not drive and must plan all of my errands ahead of time, to go to the post office to retrieve undelivered certified mail is a challenge. I am a recipient of the Missouri Blind Pension, which currently has a requirement to send mail communications via certified mail. There have been times when I am at home and when I check my mail there is a slip informing me that I have certified mail. The mail carrier did not even knock on my door. Then I have to plan for and possibly pay to get transportation to the post office. If I am lucky I can get a friend to take me there, but this is not always the case (you can't expect friends to always be available to drive places). If I take an Uber it costs about \$7 each way (that is a lot of money just to pick up one piece of mail). I understand that this is partially the fault of the mail carrier, but if it was not required to send this mail communication certified, then the whole situation would be avoided.



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WITNESS NAME: LIAM MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support the passing of HB520 regarding certified mail for blind pension



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I SUPPORT HB 520 as originally filed. I support the provision to receive communications electronically because of its voluntary nature and it not being a requirement.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY AGUILERA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a blind person who receives correspondence from State of Missouri agencies, removing certified mail requirements from the Blind Pension correspondence would be both beneficial for recipients and for the State of Missouri. The State of Missouri would save an estimated \$100,000 annually that could be allocated for other budget line items. For people who are blind, we wouldn't have to make arrangements to get a ride to our nearest post office or pay an Uber just to receive a piece of mail. I hope that you consider my statement! Thank you for your time and consideration.



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WITNESS NAME: ZACHARY WYATT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-0191	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: TARA HALLMARK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The entire state of Missouri is not computer or internet capable, 20 percent of the state does not have internet. 3 % of the state does not have a phone. Over 1 million Missourians ignored and not represented is not good legislation. Certified Mail works in state and out of state to assure public notice is addressed. The local post office also represents employment and government in small rural towns. The generational support and awareness helps critical communication reaches all households. It is a system in place and down with taxes, courts and contracts. I oppose this bill.