



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: BEN TRAVLOS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-3819	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 734 SOUTH COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRIS BLILEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: GROWTH ENERGY		TITLE: SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: WASHINGTON		STATE: DC	ZIP: 20005
EMAIL: dgerber@growthenergy.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 2:49 PM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			

February 25, 2025 Representative Doyle Justus, Chairman House Committee on Agriculture Missouri State Capitol 201 W. Capitol Ave Jefferson City, Missouri 65101 Chairman Justus, Growth Energy is the world's largest association of biofuel producers, representing 97 U.S. plants that each year produce more than 9.5 billion gallons of cleaner-burning, renewable fuel, including three of Missouri's six biorefineries. We also represent 130 businesses and groups, including the Missouri Corn Growers Association, working with them and tens of thousands of biofuel supporters around the country. Together, we remain committed to bringing better and more affordable choices at the fuel pump to consumers, helping our country diversify our energy portfolio in order to grow more energy jobs, sustaining family farms, and driving down the costs of transportation fuels for consumers. Today, 98 percent of all gasoline sold in the U.S. contains 10 percent bioethanol. E15, a fuel containing up to 15 percent bioethanol, is now available at more than 3,700 retail locations in 33 states, and higher bioethanol blends such as E85 are available at nearly 6,000 sites around the country. In Missouri, there are currently only 78 retail fuel locations selling E15. Less than three percent of the state's estimated 2,631 retail fuel locations offer E15. E15 is approved for all 2001 and newer vehicles, more than 96 percent of all light duty vehicles on the road today. Most vehicles require a minimum octane rating of 87. Bioethanol, with an octane rating of 113, helps meet that in modern cars. Bioethanol is a cleaner, renewable, and cost-effective alternative to toxic chemicals like lead and MTBE. Consumers have now driven more than 140 billion miles on E15, and retailers have conducted millions of transactions with this fuel. There have been no adverse reports of fuel quality experienced with E15 since first being approved 13 years ago. Growth Energy appreciates this opportunity to support House Bill 642, which would extend beyond 2028 an important tax credit for fuel retailers to offer bioethanol fuel blends from 15 to 85 percent. This credit is important as retailers in Missouri continue to build out the market and invest in additional infrastructure to offer these higher bioethanol blends. Bioethanol blends such as E15 and E85 also give consumers more affordable choices at the pump. During the summer of 2023, Missouri drivers saved an average of 8 cents per gallon on E15 compared to E10. Providing a 5 cent per gallon tax credit to incentivize the sale of a higher bioethanol blend helps hardworking Missourians save on fuel costs without any impact to the state's fuel tax revenue. This credit will also help Missouri bioethanol producers, corn growers, and livestock farmers. At a time when American farmers are facing a 25% decrease in farm incomes, Missouri corn growers can benefit from the increased demand for their crop. Extending the tax credit will help Missouri corn growers with increased domestic demand for their product as international markets are experiencing continued uncertainty. With a maximized tax credit, it could result in the purchasing of as much as 1.7 million additional bushels of Missouri corn annually to produce an additional 5 million gallons of bioethanol. Based on 2024 prices,

corn sales to bioethanol producers would increase in the state by nearly \$7.5 million. This increased production in bioethanol also results in the availability of an additional 29 million pounds of nutrient-rich animal feed, an important co-product in the bioethanol production process, for Missouri livestock farmers. A number of Midwestern states have adopted incentives comparable to Missouri's or are considering one. A similar five-cent per gallon incentive being considered in Indiana for bioethanol, which is combined with an incentive for biodiesel, would add more than \$100 million to that state's GDP annually. When considering the consumer savings and the benefits to both Missouri agriculture and bioethanol producers, extending this tax credit will continue to drive increased economic activity and benefit the state's bottom line. Given our experience with retailers around the country offering bioethanol blends, we are happy to assist the committee with technical questions as they consider the extension of the incentive for higher ethanol blends. We look forward to working with you to finalize this important benefit for Missouri drivers, fuel retailers and farmers. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Sincerely, Chris Bliley Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Growth Energy



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JACOB KNAEBEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-4181	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 3118 EMERALD LANE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: JASON ZAMKUS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-291-6180	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI RENEWABLE FUELS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1320 ELMERINE AVENUE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: jzamkus@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 10:49 AM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: MARK FIEGENBAUM		PHONE NUMBER: 573-690-8580	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI FARM BUREAU		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 701 SOUTH COUNTRY DRIVE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: MEAGAN HOWERTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI PORK ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 156			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: NANCY GIDDENS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6203	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION		TITLE: LOBBYIST	
ADDRESS: 208 MADISON STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: nancy@thegiddensgroup.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 8:10 AM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			
Support the bill			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: NANCY GIDDENS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6203	
REPRESENTING: RAILWAY SUPPLY INSTITUTE, MISSOURI FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: LOBBYIST	
ADDRESS: 208 MADISON STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: nancy@thegiddensgroup.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 8:12 AM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			

Support the bill



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: RAY MCCARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI		TITLE: PRESIDENT/CEO	
ADDRESS: 3234 W. TRUMAN BLVD			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL: rmccarty@aimo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/24/2025 9:52 PM

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.

Associated Industries of Missouri supports the elimination of the expiration date of the Wood Energy Tax Credit.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION; RAILWAY SUPPLY INSTITUTE; MISSOURI CATTLEMEN's ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 208 MADISON STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: TONY BENZ		PHONE NUMBER: 573-301-2747	
REPRESENTING: MO-AG		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE: MO	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: TRICIA WORKMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-4430	
REPRESENTING: POET BIOFUELS		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 115 EAST HIGH STREET			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
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: 2/25/2025 11:22 PM

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.

I am highly Opposed to this Bill. The giveaway of Tax-Credits and Corporate Welfare MUST come to a halt and cease immediately. There is little to zero Return-On-Investment.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GLORIA YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: anthronerdy@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 8:30 AM
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			

These facilities make heavy use of collective resources like water, and roads, without paying for their significantly increased use while these businesses make significant profit. These buisnesses pay significantly less for energy and many other commodities that Where is this 2 million coming from? MODOT is dramatically underfunded, our department of natural resources is inadequately staffed and supported, our schools need hundreds of millions more to meet state targets, managing our water and energy resources continues to become more complicated and every day Missourians are becoming less able to afford food, utilities, and more.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JILL WOOD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-5624	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AGRICULTURAL & SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 1616 MISSOURI BLVD			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	
THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.			



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 642		DATE: 2/25/2025	
COMMITTEE: Agriculture			
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: TRINITY CROUCH		PHONE NUMBER: 573-508-5811	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 1616 MISSOURI BOULEVARD			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/25/2025 12:00 AM	

THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.