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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Support of this Bill. This Fee is paid for by Chemical and Environmental Waste Haulers that use our State Interstate System to transport their chemical and waste. The Fee is paid to the "Missouri Emergency Response Commission" and funds the operations of the "Missouri Department of Natural Resources Environmental Emergency Response Teams." This is a great program and a collection of the fees.



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WITNESS NAME: CLAIRE CANAAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We are writing to ask your support for HB 70, which will provide funding for Haz-mat training and planning, statewide. As you may know, this funding, that has been in place for many years, that provided for a nominal fee upon the transportation, storage and production of hazardous materials, was not renewed during the 2024 legislative session. Legislation was filed by Representative Tim Taylor, in 2024, to renew the sunset clause in the state law and continue the program administered by the Department of Public Safety through the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). The legislation faced no opposition but failed to pass. The Haz-mat fees are divided around the state for Local Emergency Planning Commission's (LEPC) to use for training, planning and equipment so that there is a safe and appropriate response to emergencies related to the potential release of hazardous materials. LEPC's are made up of local fire chiefs, emergency managers and business leaders who transport, store or produce hazardous materials. The LEPC's decide what training is needed locally to prepare emergency services, such as fire departments to respond to Haz-mat emergencies. In the Kansas City metropolitan area, we are fortunate to have a regional response organized that brings together the various agencies that have the technical ability to respond to these complex challenges. The regional response leaders meet regularly to organize training, conduct pre-planning and review prior incidents. These funds are vital for the protection of our communities, and we would encourage you to support the renewal of the fee's collected by the MERC and distributed to the LEPC's around the state. We hope that you might consider supporting HB 70 to renew the Haz-Mat funding. Sincerely, Claire Canaan Director, Emergency Management City of Belton, MO



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WITNESS NAME: JACK GAMBLE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-821-5225	
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WITNESS NAME: JASON BONNEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Jason Bonney, and I serve as chair of the Missouri Local Emergency Planning District, working closely with emergency response and preparedness efforts in the Missouri counties of Platte, Clay, Jackson, Ray, and Cass. Additionally, I serve as an Assistant Chief of Emergency Management for the Central Jackson County Fire Protection District and oversee our hazardous materials response team, which is one of eight in the Kansas City region. As you may know, the funding that has been in place for many years—generated by a nominal fee on the transportation, storage, and production of hazardous materials—was not renewed during the 2024 legislative session. In 2024, Representative Tim Taylor introduced legislation to extend the sunset clause in state law and continue this critical program administered by the Department of Public Safety through the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). Despite facing no opposition, the legislation ultimately failed to pass. These Haz-Mat fees are critical, as they are distributed statewide to Local Emergency Planning Committees and Districts (LEPC/Ds) to support training, planning, and equipment purchases. This ensures a safe and appropriate response to emergencies involving hazardous materials. My fire protection district has seen firsthand the benefits of these funds, which have supported our response and preparedness levels. Here in the Kansas City metropolitan area, we are fortunate to have a well-organized regional response system that brings together agencies with the technical expertise to manage these complex challenges. Regional response leaders meet regularly to plan, conduct training, and review past incidents to improve future responses. The Kansas City region has one of the busiest transportation corridors in the United States. In addition, the Kansas City region continues to host several nationally significant events. As a member of the regional emergency response efforts, I want our communities to remain safe and having a well-trained and equipped hazardous materials planning and response system is paramount. These funds are vital for the safety of our communities. I strongly urge you to support the renewal of the fees collected by MERC and distributed to LEPC/Ds across the state. I hope you will consider supporting HB 70 to ensure that Missouri remains prepared for hazardous materials emergencies. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.



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WITNESS NAME: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-4876	
REPRESENTING: FIRE SERVICE ALLIANCE		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: JUDD CODY GARNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As an emergency responder using the data/information in the Tier II reports, I find the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC) to be an invaluable partner in keeping communities safe. I have benefited, along with numerous others, from the various training that the MERC provides to our communities, which they can provide partly due to the collected fees.



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WITNESS NAME: LANE SEKAVEC		PHONE NUMBER: 816-830-0378	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MID-AMERICA HAZMAT AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS ALLIANCE		TITLE: MEMBER	
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CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64105
EMAIL: laneasekavec@up.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/20/2025 8:23 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: MARC MALLORY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: marc.mallory@brenntag.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/19/2025 3:09 PM
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WITNESS NAME: MARK L. KEMPKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Good morning, As the LEPD chairman for 5 counties of Northeast Missouri, the collection of Tier II fees, are significant to the training budgets for hazardous material related trainings. Except for the Hannibal Fire Department, all of the responding fire departments are of volunteer in nature. Many of our law enforcement agencies are as well. Together, our LEPD uses this money to coordinate appropriate training for all responding agencies in our region. Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: MEAGAN HOWERTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MO AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 156			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: NATHAN MANLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CENTRAL JACKSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT		TITLE: DEPUTY CHIEF	
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CITY: BLUE SPRINGS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64014
EMAIL: nmanley@cjcfd.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/19/2025 1:14 PM
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WITNESS NAME: RON LEONE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-864-5189	
REPRESENTING: MPCA+ MISSOURI PETROLEUM AND CONVENIENCE ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT MUNK		PHONE NUMBER: 816-392-0142	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI REGION A URBAN LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING DISTRICT		TITLE: CHAIRMAN OF THE MISSOURI REGION A URBAN LOCAL EMER	
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CITY: KANSAS CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64120
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The Missouri Region A Urban Local Emergency Planning District representing Cass, Clay, Jackson, Platte, and Ray counties supports House Bill 70 which will restore certain fees collected by the Missouri Emergency Response Commission. The collected fees are divided around the state for Local Emergency Planning Committees/Districts (LEPCs) to use for emergency preparedness planning, training, and equipment so that there is a safe and appropriate response to emergencies related to the release of hazardous materials. In the Kansas City metropolitan area, we are fortunate to have a regional response organized that brings together the various agencies that have the technical ability to respond to these complex challenges. The regional response leaders meet regularly along with industry partners to organize training, conduct pre-planning and review prior incidents. These funds are vital for the protection of our communities, and we would encourage the Budget Committee to support HB 70 and the renewal of the fee's collected by the MERC and distributed to the LEPCs around the state.



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Hello, I wanted to voice my support for HB70. This fee legislation is very important to the local communities of Missouri and the Missouri Emergency Response Commission. The Commission uses the fees collected by this legislation to assist communities with chemical incident prevention, preparedness, response and recovery and by receiving, processing and reporting on chemical information received under community right-to-know laws. The money collected from these fees goes directly towards helping the local communities to buy needed equipment and supplies to deal with hazardous materials incidents. It also goes towards providing training for local communities and how they can be prepared for incidents as big as what happened in East Palestine Ohio. Without this legislation, the Missouri communities would be missing out on thousands of dollars each year that would go to helping and protecting the citizens of this state.



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WITNESS NAME: TAMARA SNODGRASS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-265-2993	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MERAMEC REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION		TITLE: ASST. DIRECTOR/ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS MANAGER	
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CITY: SAINT JAMES		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65559
EMAIL: tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/19/2025 3:41 PM	
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I am providing information to you on behalf of the Meramec Local Emergency Planning District (MLEPD) which includes Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Osage, Phelps and Washington counties. The MLEPD is responsible for emergency response planning for hazardous materials emergencies to make our emergency responders and communities safer and better prepared for incidents involving hazardous materials. In 2024, the Missouri Legislature failed to extend the 2024 sunset on Tier II fees, which have funded local emergency planning committees and districts for over 30 years. This has resulted in a lapse in funding for LEPCs/LEPDs across the state, and for the Missouri Emergency Response Commission (MERC). In the Meramec Region, Tier II funds are used to annually update the regional emergency operations plan for hazardous materials incidents; maintain records on all reportable quantities of hazardous materials in the seven-county region; conduct an annual survey of emergency response agencies to determine their hazardous materials training needs; complete commodity flow studies to determine what types of hazardous materials are flowing through the region and on what highways, rail lines or pipelines; make the public aware of hazardous materials in their communities; coordinate and provide hazardous materials training for emergency responders; and provide assistance to businesses with reporting hazardous materials. All of these activities will be disrupted if funding is not restored as quickly as possible. With this past year of funding, the Meramec LEPD secured and is coordinating 12 hazmat training classes for first responders in the Meramec Region. This is hands-on training that is delivered at local fire stations for paid and volunteer firefighters, EMS and law enforcement, at no cost other than time. Without the LEPD coordination, it will be difficult for volunteer firefighters to receive these classes. Reinstating the Tier II fees is critical for Missouri to be prepared for hazardous materials incidents such as the 2023 train derailment in East Palestine, OH or the fertilizer plant explosion in West, TX that killed 15 (including 10 first responders) and injured more than 160. These incidents were devastating for the communities where they occurred. The potential for the same type of accident exists here in Missouri. We ask for your support of HB 70. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Tamara Snodgrass Assistant Director/Environmental Programs Manager Meramec Regional Planning Commission 4 Industrial Drive St. James, MO 65559 573-265-2993 tsnodgrass@meramecregion.org



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The funding fees that are collected helps in training our fire fighters and rural departments that don't have funds for this type of training. I am the coordinator for Douglas, Ozark and Wright Counties along with secretary and treasurer for our local DOW/LEPD.



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WITNESS NAME: TERRY CASSIL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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