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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/11/2025 11:53 PM</b>

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**I am in Support of this Bill and the use of Telemedicine.**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JUSTIN ALFERMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>636-667-1093</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>SSM HEALTH</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>12800 CORPORATE HILL DRIVE</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63131</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHI HARNESS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-5200</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>NATIONAL COUNCIL STATE BOARDS OF NURSING</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>P O BOX 2302</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>KYNA IMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-651-1185</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI NURSES ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 1483</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>libertytree.cottage976@passinbox.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/8/2025 11:16 PM</b>

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**I SUPPORT HB 710!!      I support loosening the restrictions on telemedicine.      I oppose the requirement of in-person doctor visits to get a prescription.**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ROB MONSEES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-999-9652</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 60</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SUSAN GRAY MD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>WILL MARRS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-848-8561</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MERCY</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>211 E CAPITOL AVE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>govservicesjcmo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/11/2025 8:10 AM</b>

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**We support the usage of telemedicine as a tool for rural access for patients as well as streamlining the establishment of care.**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRIAN BERNSKOETTER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-636-2822</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>101 E. HIGH</b>			
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WITNESS NAME: <b>GEORGE HUBBELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-454-1389</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE: <b>MD/PAST PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>113 E. MADISON STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACOB SCOTT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>113 MADISON STREET</b>			
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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHAN MADDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-393-0105</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION</b>		TITLE: <b>POLICY IMPACT STRATEGIST</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>2300 MAIN STREET, STE. 304</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64108</b>
EMAIL: <b>nmadden@healthforward.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/11/2025 9:24 AM</b>	

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Chair Stinnett and Members of the Committee -On behalf of Health Forward Foundation (Health Forward), I submit this written testimony in opposition to House Bill 710. Health Forward works to support and build inclusive, powerful, and health communities characterized by economically just systems. We oppose this bill as it would limit telehealth services and make accessing health care more difficult by requiring a standard of care closer to traditional, in-person visits. This legislation would hinder more people from accessing the benefits of telehealth. We know the evidence that telehealth is just as effective as in-person delivery of services, while operating at less cost (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0738399118300533>). In a time where costs only seem to be rising, this is a sound way of helping pull back costs to both consumers and providers. This bill cuts against other beneficial legislation about adding an audio-only component to telehealth services. SB 94 and HBs 822 and 825 expand telehealth coverage to include audio-only options. Adding the audio-only component to qualifying telehealth services increases the amount of reach and equity benefits that telehealth can provide. At a broad level, telehealth strengthens rural health care and connects people to services they may not otherwise have access to (<https://www.ruralhealth.us/blogs/2023/12/integrating-telehealth-strengthening-rural-health-care-delivery>). This legislation would impact rural communities and patients by reducing options for telehealth delivery. For individuals who have difficulty traveling due to distance or schedules, telehealth – including phone-based options – allows for flexibility and access. Telehealth also has advantages over in-office visits, including not needing to schedule transportation or child-care, as well as better care assessments (<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/treatment-tests-and-therapies/benefits-of-telemedicine>). Health Forward asks legislators on this committee to vote NO on HB 710. This bill will add barriers that will reduce the ease of access and need. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like additional resources at [nmadden@healthforward.org](mailto:nmadden@healthforward.org) Respectfully, Nathan J. Madden, Ph.D. Impact Strategist - Policy Health Forward Foundation