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My name is Cecilia Williams, I'm testing on behalf of Bentley and Mason's law. In April 2021 my son Cordell his wife to be Lacey and 4month old grandson Cordell the second were killed by a drunk driver in Jefferson County at Upper Byrnes Mill rd. In May I reached out to my representative Mike Henderson with a idea for legislation to help End impaired driving, and to help those families like mine who find themselves raising children again due to the actions of a impaired driver. Bentley and Mason are the surviving sons of Cordell and Lacey. Sense 2022 forms of this bill has passed in Tennessee, Kentucky, Maine, Texas, south Dakota, Utah and recently in the Cayman Islands and in Korea in 2022, may versions of this bill have and are being introduced across the United States and international. It is my belief that this will not only help the families of victims raising the children left behind but it also gives the offender or future offenders of this kind of crime accountability of their actions. Now we all know no one is going to get rich from this but it will help put food on the table and get the needed supplies for school and clothing, it will help with the financial burden that victims families will be faced with. Bentley and Mason's law is a great option for those who choose to use it versus going after a civil suit. It has been my goal from day one to advocate to make this nationwide. This bill started in Missouri my home state and is sweeping the nation, I pray Missouri is the next state to pass this important bill. I want to say thank you to the sponsor and co sponsors for bringing Bentley and Mason's law to this committee and thank the committee for allowing me to testify on behalf of such a important bill. Cecilia Williams Angels Of Advocacy Victims of Impaired Driving



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MBA supports the UFIPA provisions (Sections 214.330 and 469.399 to 469.487) in this bill. We are neutral on the remaining provisions.



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The Missouri Retailers Association supports HB 83.



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The Judicial Conference of Missouri supports the proposed statutory amendments to sections 455.010, 455.035, 455.513, 478.001, 488.040, 494.455, and 509.520.



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My name is John Challis, and I am an estate and trust attorney practicing in St. Louis and I also have the pleasure of serving as the Chair of the Missouri Bar Probate and Trust Division, which has over 1,500 trust and estate attorneys throughout Missouri. I am testifying in favor of three portions of HB 83, which are the portions that have been endorsed by the Missouri Bar. I would like to thank Representative Veit for including these important provisions in HB83 and I would like to thank Chairwoman Parker and the Members of this Committee for having a hearing on these issues. The first portion of this Bill that I would like to speak to are the changes to Chapter 469, which begin on page 27 at Section 469,399 and continues through Section 469,487 on page 70. This is the same language that is in HB608, sponsored by Rep. Thompson, which was heard last week in the Financial Institutions Committee and on which I testified in favor. Essentially, this modernizes the Missouri Principal and Income Act to allow for additional flexibility and potential tax savings for Missouri residents through their trusts and estates. The original Principal & Income Act was good when it was passed in 2001, but it has become outdated and even obsolete in many areas. This is based on the Uniform Fiduciary Income and Principal Act, but this proposal takes all of the best parts of the revised uniform law and conforms it to Missouri law and policy. This legislation was drafted by the Missouri Bar Probate and Trust Division, approved by that Division and the Board of Governors. This Act has been introduced the last three years with unanimous support. It has passed through this Committee and others in years past and came very close to final passage in the Senate last year after being third read and passed in this Chamber. These changes are needed now. The Uniform act has been adopted by 9 states, including Arkansas and Kansas. And every year that we do not pass this, we fall further behind with fiduciaries and citizens looking for options in other states. The second portion of this Bill that I would like to testify in favor of is the Missouri Electronic Wills and Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act, and it begins on page 70 at Section 474.540 and continues through Section 474.564 on page 75. This is the same as HB176, sponsored by Chairwoman Parker, which I testified in favor of when it was heard last week in the General Laws Committee. I understand it passed out of that committee yesterday. This Act was also developed and drafted by the Probate Committee of The Missouri Bar. It was on the Uniform Electronic Wills Act, which was developed by the Uniform Law Commission, and then adapted to existing Missouri law. To be clear, this Act, if passed, would not force any change to the way that wills or estate planning documents are drafted and signed. What it does is create a new way to draft and retain electronic estate planning documents. Fourteen states and two territories allow electronic wills, and without our own statute, we are forced to deal with these documents executed in other states that may or may not comply with Missouri law. We adopted best practices from the Uniform Act and the other states, including extending this to all estate planning documents, addressing revocation, and other practical concerns of the Courts. This Bill was passed out of this Committee the last two years and was also third read and passed out of this Chamber last year. While it was not passed out of the

Senate, that was due to time constraints and not opposition. The final portion that I would like to speak in favor of adds a new Section 474.600 on pages 75-77. This is the same as House Bill 178, sponsored by Chairwoman Parker, which I also testified in favor of when it was heard last week in the General Laws Committee. I understand it was combined with HB176 and passed out of that Committee yesterday. This is a cleanup provision for documents executed during the Governor's emergency Executive Orders signed during the pandemic. There is a concern as to whether those documents are valid and a question as to whether the Executive Orders can override the Statute of Wills, which requires in-person witnessing. This statute allows the estate planning attorney to execute a certificate and then would remove any doubts as to their validity. Similar to the other provisions, this was passed out of this Committee last year, received third reading and passage by the House, and again we ran out of time in the Senate. None of these provisions are controversial or have ever had any opposition. But these are needed provisions to address outdated provisions of Missouri law. Missouri has always been on the forefront of estate planning, which is good for our citizens, our attorneys, and our financial institutions. But we are falling behind our neighbors. We need to modernize Missouri estate planning law so as to not fall even further behind. I would urge your support on these three provisions for passage this year. Should anyone have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.l will note that I am not taking a position on the balance of HB83.



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following existing methods for transferring custody of a child: Judicial award of custody; Placement by or the or Other judicial or tribal action. 2. The transfer is by a to one of the following categories of individuals: A parent or steppa who is related to the child by blood, marriage, or adoption, or who has the child; An adult who, at the time of transfer, had a close relations or the guardian of the child for a substantial period, and whom the pare believes, at the time of the transfer, to be a fit custodian; An Indefined in ICWA; or A member of the child's customary family un	ertain child child custo hom a child custo hom a child it to assure the certain of the custody occur tion or guard a parent or rent of the chip with the ent or guard dian custoo it recognize nalize peopa child, or a nould know	I custody transfers dy transfer occurs d has been placed for the new custodian is trent from her specified esponsibilities transfers that would exempt from the st through one of the rdianship;• ild placing agency; guardian of the child child;• An adult dy or guardianship of e child or the parent dian reasonably dian of the child, as ed by the child's ble who are acting in act as an intermediary the transfer violates
notifies the Children's Division or law enforcement of the transfer or tal establish custody. • HB 83 is consistent with recommendations fr composed of representatives from several federal agencies, state child National Association of Attorneys General. This act is supported by the HB 83 provides the Children's Division of the Missouri Del authority to investigate alleged transfers in violation of the act, to enfor and to punish violators. • The Uniform Unregulated Child Custody Tran Colorado, Oklahoma, Washington and Utah and introduced in the Distri	kes approp rom a U.S. N welfare org U.S. Depai partment of ree the act a isfer Act be	riate action to Working Group ganizations, and the rtment of State.• f Social Services with and other state law, een enacted in



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