



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony today. I write in support HJR 1 and any legislation that moves Missouri to a personal income tax rate of zero. My name is Andy Bakker and I am the Executive Director of Liberty Alliance USA, a Kansas City-based Conservative advocacy group founded in 2019. We support legislation that simplifies the tax code and provide much-needed tax relief to Missouri residents. HJR 1 is good, sound policy. Its structure of revenue triggers and the creation of a tax reform fund mean that Missouri residents can be confident that tax cuts are undertaken in a responsible way. Eight states levy no income tax. Missouri's neighbors are cutting taxes. Tennessee has no personal income tax. Iowa, once the top taxing state in the region at 8.99% will soon have a top rate lower than Missouri. By 2027, Nebraska will have a lower top income tax rate than Missouri. Kentucky is on the road to zero. Governor Sanders of Arkansas is cutting taxes and has stated her intention to get to zero. Kansas had made serious efforts in the last few years to reach a flat tax. Even erstwhile Illinois levies a flat rate tax. Despite a \$50 million investment from Governor Pritzker in 2020, the state voted to maintain their flat rate structure while voting for Joe Biden by a wide margin. I applaud the leadership of Governor Kehoe, Speaker Patterson, Chairman Coleman, Representative Davidson, and all others who have championed this cause I urge you to support HJR 1 and any other legislation that leads Missouri to zero personal income tax.



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Missouri must remain competitive. Missouri's neighboring states continue to lead and leave Missouri behind through innovation and pro-growth tax cuts. This is why it is imperative that Missouri catch up with our neighboring states by implementing pro-growth tax cuts or face continued decline in economic growth and population. HJR 1 and HJR 35 is the type of creative pro-growth tax cuts that is needed. We need to work to eliminate our state income tax and, just as importantly, cap government spending. We need a mechanism that will force the legislator to live within its means and not burden the taxpayer by continually pushing us off a fiscal cliff. These proposed amendments are the right mechanism to protect the taxpayers.



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Associated Industries of Missouri opposes removing the current prohibition against expanding the sales and use taxes to services and that is exactly what this HJR would do. The resolution, if approved by voters, could result in a new sales tax on services and digital products that are currently exempt.



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