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I strongly support the merging of St Louis county with St Louis City. It would help us attract business as has been shown in Indianapolis as well as other metropolitan areas around the country. It would also save us money in that various governmental roles wouldn't be duplicated. Some of our biggest problems as a region could be solved by joining together as there would be more resources for everyone instead of competing for them.



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Since 2020, 100% of the population loss in the Saint Louis MSA has come from one sobering reality: more people are dying than being born. For over a decade, more domestic residents have moved out of the region than have moved in. Saint Louis City and County continue to shrink, as our population ages and birth rates fall sharply. In the last year alone, births dropped by 1,752—from 28,149 to 26,397. Over the past two years, the total decline is 3,645 births. If this trend continues, annual births could fall below 20,000 by 2029, leaving us with fewer than 100,000 children in the region by 2035—a dramatic drop from 216,000 in 1980. This isn't just a local concern. A shrinking, aging region weakens the future of the entire state. Despite these statistics, I've seen signs of deep hope. Since COVID, I've had the opportunity to meet hundreds of residents across every part of this region. In neighborhood meetings, roundtables, and conversations over coffee, a message has come through loud and clear: the people of Saint Louis are ready for something better. They want more than maintenance. They're hungry for a Saint Louis that isn't stuck in its past but is radically committed to its future. They want a place that welcomes young families, supports new life, retains and attracts talent, and makes the common good not just a value but a lived reality. This is the heart of One Saint Louis. A Saint Louis rooted not in fragmentation, but in solidarity. One Saint Louis that dares to reform itself—urgently, courageously—for the sake of those who live here now and those who have yet to be born. It is a moral call, not just an economic one. If we truly care about our children, our neighborhoods, our schools, and our shared future, then we cannot wait. The time for action is now. Let's shape a Saint Louis where the common good is not just spoken but lived—a region ready to welcome a new generation of Americans who will plant roots here, raise families, and build businesses that strengthen us all.



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We are one Saint Louis. We all drive on the same streets, we all have the same fears for our personal safety, we all work with each other through innumerable local connections and transactions. I find it highly discriminatory and classist that the wealthier portion of our population is enabled to hoard their tax dollars for only their neighborhoods while still using Saint Louis city resources (streets, police, infrastructure, all the shops, etc). The proposed merger would acknowledge the fact that all of us, rich and poor, need a functioning Saint Louis with a good education system, clean, plowed roads, a Saint Louis that is safe to raise a family in.



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The St Louis Region is strong and would be stronger if the region were not so fractured and worked better as a region. We all benefit from good schools, and we have great schools. Parents have choices. But these choices are not clear and easy for all families to navigate. Why are we adding new charter schools when those funds could be used to help families navigate existing schools and help those schools add resources? One of the most impressive new programs is CLIMB at UMSL. This program provides paid internships to students in districts such as Jennings, Ferguson and University City. Students who participated in CLIMB have gone on to Universities throughout the Country and many are the first in their families to attend College. The Business community and Universities could do more to facilitate better regional cooperation and improvement. Both Washington University and St Louis University have significant endowments and could do more to invest in both city and county to provide affordable housing. Why don't they partner with the City Schools to purchase vacant school buildings and turn those into housing or business facilities? I do not pretend to know the answers, but I do think St Louis Leaders could do more to work as a team to address these issues that are not new and hurt the region. Lastly on the issue of safety. Crime does not know boundaries. Safety has improved and we need to make sure we talk about those improvements. New housing and good schools would create a safer environment that would benefit the entire region. Elizabeth de Laperouse



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My testimony might be too late, but I hope it's not too late for the St. Louis region to figure out a unified path forward, so we can start growing again, and start living up to our world class potential. Just as a "house divide cannot stand" neither can a City and a County that has been divided, ever since the "great divorce" in 1876. The City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and 88+ little "fiefdoms" compete against one another for limited resources. A new mall is built and one small fiefdom celebrates its grand opening while another watches their mall close. The list could go on and on. Our government in the St. Louis region doesn't make sense. Layers upon layers of unnecessary beauracracy. Meanwhile, our region is stagnant and falling far behind our peers. In response, all the fiefdom mayors and civic "leaders" recommend the "Board of Freeholders" ... a process designed to maintain the status quo. Our local government is so dysfunctional that the City and County couldn't even agree upon who to appoint to the most recent Board of Freeholders. There have been at least 6 or 7 Board of Freeholders since 1876 ... The only thing our region has ever received from them ... the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD). (I'm working hard to resist the dad puns that could be inserted here). Seriously -- It's beyond time for serious solutions and serious leaders to come together and figure out a path forward for a unified St. Louis City and CountyGovernment. A government that is as good and resilient as the citizens of St. Louis. Status quo warriors will oppose this needed merger. And, far too many self-interested politicians and self-serving civic leaders (often times with a vested political or financial interest in maintaining the satus quo) will oppose this process as well. Incremental change is fine, but we **MUST** act now and make real progress down the path of a more efficient, unified and responsive government for the St. Louis region. Our divided government is slowly destroying St. Louis. I'm tired of excuses. Too many of my friends and neighbors are voting with their feet and leaving St. Louis. IF St. Louis leaders don't do something soon, I will be joining them.



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Consolidation of St. Louis County and St Louis City would be beneficial because as Dr. Ness Sandavol , a demographer and professor at St Louis University said he started his analysis in 1970 when the city of St Louis was bigger than Denver or Minneapolis. If trends had continued STL's population would be 4.4 million. There are now more deaths in STL County than births and there are fewer children born now than in 2010. Crime is also a huge issue that can affect populations. He warned about an oncoming "Demographic Winter" settling in STL and repercussions that can arise from such event. Get the crime situation under control and maybe the consolidated new city can survive and thrive like Charlotte did.



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April 27, 2025 Testimony in Support of HJR 27 I write to express my support for HJR 27 calling for a merger btwn St. Louis City & County. The need to do so has always struck me as self-evident, especially after returning home to St. Louis after sixteen years in New York. When I returned home in 2010, I was shocked to find downtown St. Louis resembled a ghost town compared to the thriving region I remembered as a child. Meeting my father for lunch downtown c. 1982 was akin to walking thru Chicago, albeit on a considerably smaller scale. Yet, the density of foot traffic then is hard to square with the utter absence of people today. All cities experience suburban flight, poverty, deindustrialization, crime, et al. Yet, no other city I can think of features a municipal bifurcation that inhibits the dynamism of the entire region. Downtown St. Louis isn't languishing because of crime. It languishes because it competes with St. Louis County for economic resources – a conflict no other City I can think of contends with. The fight to lure businesses from the City to the County is a zero-sum game: a law firm either occupies office space in one district or the other. Each time a business relocates to St. Louis County, it depletes the City's tax base. In turn, that creates a destabilizing cycle that leads to greater City depopulation and a corresponding decrease in social stability, amplifying those issues in a self-perpetuating cycle. Depopulation, crime, the loss of tax revenue, business relocation, and every other issue that impacts the City of St. Louis is not organic – it has a cause: the bifurcation of City and County. Every skyscraper that emerges from the ground in St. Louis County, luring law firms, corporations, et al from the City, represents a corresponding vacancy in a City building that each relocated County business once occupied. The battle for relocation is a source of economic and demographic conflict that other cities, with far more dynamism, like Chicago, Nashville, Denver, et al don't face. Rex Sinquefeld's Better Together project had the right idea, even if his efforts to impel a merger failed because of his organization's top-down approach disguised as a grass-roots effort. Our municipal barrier burdens the region. Removing it would unleash a demographic dynamism that is the lifeblood of every thriving city. I think most people recognize this fact - yet, actualizing a marriage btwn City and County is akin to dragging a steamship up the side of a mountain, a la the film "Fitzcarraldo." For these reasons, I offer my unalloyed support to Rep. Mackey for his singular efforts to merge the City and County. Thank you, Jason G. Barton 3530 Utah St., #404 St. Louis, MO 63118 jasonbarton7@gmail.com



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Merging St. Louis City and County is about making life better and more efficient for all of us. Right now, there are over 80 separate governments in the area, which means we're paying more in taxes for things like police, trash pickup, and road repairs that are often duplicated. A study by Better Together in 2018 found that this costs us around \$750 million a year—money that could be better spent on improving schools, fixing roads, or expanding public transit. Many of us already live, work, shop, and go out across city and county lines, so it makes sense for our government to reflect how we actually live. A merger could also help bring in new businesses and jobs by showing we're a united, forward-thinking region. Instead of being divided, we could pool our resources to create better opportunities for everyone. At the end of the day, it's about building a stronger, more connected St. Louis for the future. Most of those who reside in the county claim Saint Louis anyway, might as well use this merger to make their claims honest.



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**Dear Madams and Sirs,It is imperative to the success of our region to merge the city and the county.
Please work to make this happen.**



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I write today in strong support of HJR 27, which proposes a badly needed merger of St. Louis City and St. Louis County into a single, accountable regional government. As an employee of the St. Louis City Sheriff's Office, I've had a front row seat to the inner workings of city government and what I've seen is shocking. The City of St. Louis is like a bank for corrupt politics, a place where personal agendas, insider deals, and political favoritism take priority over public service. Far too many in leadership treat city government as a source of power and profit, not a duty to the people. Dysfunction is normal and reform is nearly impossible from within. It is becoming clear that the city can no longer govern itself in its current form. It needs a reset and HJR 27 is that opportunity. What our region desperately needs is a comprehensive strategy to make the St. Louis competitive again. In my 28 years on earth, I've watched as other metropolitan areas have flourished while we've gone in the wrong direction under fragmented governance. A unified government structure would finally enable us to develop and execute a cohesive plan for regional growth. I understand many county residents have legitimate concerns about being forced to subsidize the city's aging water infrastructure and other legacy costs. These concerns are valid. Currently, the city lacks sufficient resources to modernize its deteriorating water system without imposing substantial rate hikes on its shrinking population which creates an unsustainable financial burden. Neither continued deterioration nor are massive rate increases viable solutions. This merger would position us to attract major investments and opportunities that have passed us by, including the return of an NBA franchise that could boost our economy and national profile. It would allow us to modernize and fully utilize our underperforming port facilities along the Mississippi River to capitalize on our strategic location at the heart of America's waterway system. Consolidating our government could address our crumbling infrastructure with a coordinated approach rather than the piecemeal efforts that leave residents frustrated, facing a patchwork of road conditions and utility services as they cross invisible municipal lines. Perhaps most critically, this merger would create the framework needed to transform our broken public school system, eliminating the stark disparities between districts and ensuring quality education for all children regardless of zip code. The merger would eliminate costly redundancies, streamline public services, and give our region a chance to operate with the professionalism and integrity our citizens deserve. It would also bring oversight and accountability to a structure that has, for decades, operated with little of either. A unified government could finally begin addressing the serious issues we face from violent crime to failing infrastructure without being paralyzed by soft-witted leadership and senseless political fights. This is about the future of our region. The people of St. Louis City and County deserve a government that works for them, not just for the connected few. I urge you to support HJR 27 and give the voters a voice in reshaping the government they fund and creating a St. Louis region that can truly compete on the national and global stage.



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Consolidation of the city and county is the only way St. Louis is going to grow. We shouldn't be embarrassed to say we are from St Louis where crime is rampant, people and businesses are leaving, great buildings are vacant.



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Public Comment in Support of HJR 27 = Metropolitan City of St. Louis ConsolidationI write in strong support of HJR 27 and commend Representative Mackey for introducing this bold and visionary resolution. Merging the City of St. Louis with St. Louis County into a unified “Metropolitan City” is long overdue. I believe this proposal is a major step toward reducing duplicative services, eliminating infighting over resources, and fostering long-term economic growth across our entire region.This constitutional amendment offers us an opportunity to unify and streamline governance, bringing us into alignment with other top tier metro regions across the United States. The transition plan thoughtfully preserves existing contracts, employee protections, pensions, and community identity, while also allowing for innovation in leadership, service delivery, and representation.I respectfully urge lawmakers to include language in the final version that ensures all first responders especially those in fire protection, emergency services, and policing receive access to state of the art facilities, technologies, and tools under the new Metropolitan City structure. Our public safety personnel deserve the best infrastructure and support we can provide as they serve a growing and evolving metro area.I hope to see this resolution passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Let us move forward, united under one banner “Solidarity Inc.” to create a stronger, more competitive, and more compassionate St. Louis region.Thank you again to Representative Mackey for his leadership on this issue.Respectfully,Justin IdleburgResident Of West End neighborhood City Of St.Louis,Mo



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If it will consolidate services as designed I am for it and for the elimination of multiple governments



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The city has gotten worse and worse for the residents in the last ten years. Us city residents are so grateful for this measure! Please commence this, you have our full support.



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Having both entities split is anathema to growth, progress, attraction, and reputation. The sustained separation of St. Louis City and St. Louis County has effectively caused more long-term harm to the citizens of the region and the region itself. This is not an international trade hub, but could be (and once was). Nobody wants to move here and it's not because of the weather. Nobody wants to visit here because guess what, lack of comprehensive unified planning creates an imbalance of tax base leading to a plague of other symptoms that bleed out into society: poverty, crime, decayed infrastructure, no demand for goods from here, no attendance, poorly educated workforce, poor health, lack of investors or investment, tanked test scores, low property values, and so on. There is lack of options in nearly every aspect of life, and an air of gross dereliction, with that symptom being a net loss of young people from the entire region who've relocated elsewhere because it is greener. St. Louis was here first then the county came after. It's sole reason for existence is due the historic magnet St. Louis used to be, but then the region let itself go giving up and not fighting unified. It's nonsense. This region has poor self esteem due to a pretty face but a mouth full of rotten and missing teeth. When you have the looks on the outside but decay on the inside, everyone is instantly turned off. Fixing the teeth can make a world of difference. This smile would bring confidence to the region and make it shine better than before.



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I support HJR 27 because it presents a thoughtful and pragmatic approach to addressing the long-standing structural divide between St. Louis City and County. This resolution balances the need for unified governance and service delivery with strong protections for existing obligations, contracts, employee benefits, and local identities. By phasing in the consolidation over a defined transition period, HJR 27 ensures continuity, clarity, and accountability—while also opening the door for a more efficient, equitable, and cohesive future for the St. Louis region.



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I live in the city and support the consolidation of the county and city. It will improve the entire region and will not harm the county at all.



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St. Louis will never grow unless the city and county merge.



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The city and county need to work better together and with 1500 administrators that's not possible. It would save the region millions of dollars and help them work better together for the good of the area



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**What is the broader reasoning behind this effort to force consolidation between the city and county.
Isn't this an issue that should be put before voters, not decided by the Missouri State government?**



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am getting really tired of out MO dictating what we do in STL City. They need to get their roads, schools, hospitals, infrastructure, and drug crisis in order in their own towns and stop trying to mandate us in a city they don't govern, vote, or pay taxes in. If our people want a merger, let our voters in our area decide.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREA N. FINKBINER		PHONE NUMBER: 636-343-2080	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF FENTON		TITLE: CITY ADMINISTRATOR	
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CITY: FENTON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63026
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PLEASE SEE BELOW RESOLUTION 25-R-02 PASSED BY THE CITY OF FENTON BOARD OF ALDERMEN ON FEBRUARY 6, 2025. A RESOLUTION URGING THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY COUNCIL, ST. LOUIS BOARD OF ALDERMEN, AND ALL MISSOURI LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE ANY AND ALL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING A STATEWIDE VOTE REGARDING OR MANDATING A CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE OF ST. LOUIS CITY AND ST. LOUIS COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEREIN. WHEREAS, certain legislators and other individuals seek to impose significant and potentially damaging changes to the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County; and WHEREAS, such persons believe that their scheme would not be favorably received by the voters of the City or the County; and WHEREAS, in 2017, the City unanimously adopted Resolution No. R-17-03 urging the St. Louis County Council and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen to oppose a statewide vote or legislative mandate regarding the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including the municipalities in the County; and WHEREAS, during that time numerous discussions occurred, and municipalities and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis opposed such a state-wide vote, and the issue did not move forward; and WHEREAS, Senator Mackey has now filed in the 103rd General Assembly House Joint Resolution No. 27, which again calls for a state-wide vote to change the governmental structure of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, including eliminating the municipalities therein as we know them today; and WHEREAS, such persons seeking a statewide vote on a constitutional amendment that affects only the structure of government for St. Louis City, St. Louis County, and the municipalities therein appear to want to dilute the votes of or totally bypass the voters of the City and County; and WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution already outlines a process for the residents of the City and County to vote on their governmental structure through the establishment of a Board of Freeholders by petition or appointment by the County Executive, Mayor of St. Louis, and Governor of Missouri; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri believes that all discussions and votes on any plans to change their local governmental structure should be held only by residents of the City and County; and WHEREAS, the St. Louis County Council, which governs the largest County in the State of Missouri with nearly one million residents, and the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis should have a major voice in all discussions of their governance; and WHEREAS, the governing bodies of all municipalities in St. Louis County should also have significant involvement in any such discussions to advance the best interests of their residents; and WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri now desires to renew its opposition and urge others to do the same. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF FENTON, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri hereby opposes any statewide vote or legislative mandate on

governmental reorganization regarding the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and the municipalities therein. Section 2. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri urges the St. Louis County Council and the St. Louis Board of Aldermen, on behalf of their respective residents, to pass a similar resolution opposing a statewide vote or legislative mandate. Section 3. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri urges all Missouri State Legislators to oppose House Joint Resolution No. 27 and any other legislation that seeks to impose any statewide vote or legislative mandate on governmental reorganization regarding the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County and the municipalities therein. Section 4. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Fenton, Missouri recommends local discussions and local votes on any reorganization or consolidation plan that may be developed through such discussions. Section 5. The City Clerk is hereby directed to post this adopted Resolution No. R-25-01 on the City's website and send to the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County, and appropriate Missouri State Legislators. The Mayor is further authorized to share this Resolution No. R-25-01 on behalf of the City with any other person he deems appropriate. Section 6. This Resolution adopted hereby shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval. PASSED by the Board of Aldermen this 6th day of February, 2025. APPROVED this 6th day of February, 2025.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREW HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm a resident and elected official of the historic City of Florissant, the largest municipality in St. Louis County by population and steadily growing. For many reasons, I'm opposed to a merger.



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I am sorry I am unable to attend today, the voters of St. Louis County and City some with our votes that this is not what we want. As a resident of a local municipality I pay a higher tax rate and receive an amazing level of service. The merger that was presented would have me continue to pay higher taxes and provide service to areas still paying lower percentages. This remains an issue that belongs to the people and WE have spoken. If you have a better plan, present it to the voters, anything else is a slap in the face of our constitutional republic.



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i am against the consolidation of St. Louis County and St. Louis City.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNA VOGEL		PHONE NUMBER: 314-753-2723	
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CITY: BEL-NOR		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63121
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I am reaching out today to address the proposed merger of the city and county in the St. Louis Metro area. This initiative was launched without the formation of a proper committee. Representative Mackey has indicated that the aim was merely to initiate a discussion; however, this is not a proposal ready for advancement. Importantly, it has not involved leaders from marginalized communities, who often receive the short end of the stick from decisions made by others. To foster a constructive dialogue, it is essential to engage the right community members to ensure that proper safety, standards, and opportunities are maintained in these smaller communities. Our autonomy is fiercely protected because many continue to overlook our needs. We cannot support this bill unless it undergoes thorough due diligence and research. I oppose this bill due to its lack of adequate planning, research, and the overall poor decisions it presents.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNE LAMITOLA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Some consolidation makes sense, but this wholesale approach swings too far. As a community leader, I would appreciate being afforded the opportunity to discuss in smaller groups or committees.



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Opposed.			



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS		TITLE:	
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I OPPOSE the consolidation of St. Louis City and St. louis County. Because this merger does not benefit St. louis County in any way, because of the financial situation of the City of St. Louis, the major need for city schools to be improved, county residents would pay money from their paychecks and receive nothing in return and not to mention the need for more police this would only benefit St. louis City, and I strongly OPPOSE this merger.



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I'm against a merger. I want my local police department and I want to know my officers. I believe response times will become significantly longer.



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I am opposed to the consolidation.			



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN K. JACKSON		PHONE NUMBER: 314-382-6544	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS MISSOURI		TITLE: MAYOR	
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WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655	
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St louis County residents should be the only ones to vote on the consolidation.It does not pertain to the citizens of the state that do not live in St Louis county.



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I do not want the merger



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA JORDAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I was born in the St. Louis City and a few days ago moved back to St. Louis County. It should be the voters of the city and county of St Louis determining whether or not these municipalities should unite not the state of Missouri! The state has sadly been overruling the will of the people lately most recently retaking control of St. Louis Metro Police. There are long standing conversations about redundancy and how municipalities can reduce it to become more efficient. Let the city and county voters decide and those elected to lead these municipalities.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN J HAMILTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The City/County Merger is a bad deal for STL County for many reasons. 1). I can count on getting off my street, out of my neighborhood when it snows. 2). I can count on my local law enforcement/first responders showing up when I need them..... I'm not bashing these agencies, but the City just don't have the resources.... 3). The City has wasted so much money with the Airport. Where has all this money gone the past decade? I wouldn't have a problem with merging some of these smaller townships in the County, like by School Districts or Post Offices. Again, NO City/County Merger needed. You will see many families going to St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson County if you pass this. Thank you, Dan



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WITNESS NAME: DANIELLE WAGNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I do not feel like this merger is what's best for our city. I do not agree that this has the best interest of the people in mind.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID DIMMITT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-962-4800	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CITY OF BRENTWOOD		TITLE: MAYOR	
ADDRESS: 2348 S. BRENTWOOD BLVD.			
CITY: BRENTWOOD		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63144
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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH JOYCE VINCENT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am speaking on behalf of Pagedale MO., as the Alderwoman for Ward 3. We do not want to see our municipality merge with the city government. We want to remain in control of our community.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE KELLY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dmkelly97@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 5:20 AM

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I have been a resident of St. Louis county for almost 35 years. My tax dollars are for supporting where I reside. St. Louis city received millions of dollars from the pandemic and St. Louis Rams lawsuit. Use that money, do something about the crime, streets, retail establishments. Then ask about a merger!



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I firmly **OPPOSE** this joining. St. Louis City is completely inept at running as a business. Homelessness is too high, shootings, robberies, and so much more, are out of control. Schools are closing left and right. It's a ridiculous and shameful way to run things. Do **NOT** let this happen



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WITNESS NAME: DONNA L. LIVINGSTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: livingstongang@netzero.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 4:42 PM

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I am completely opposed to this legislationWe voted against it more than once.



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WITNESS NAME: DOUG DRYSDALE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: drysdale121476@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:17 PM
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We will move to St.Charles if this happens.			



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY MILLS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I do not support this at all.



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WITNESS NAME: ERIC RUSSELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose the merger of S.t Louis City with St. Louis County. A consolidated government will be less responsive to the unique needs of our community. Additionally, the community will experience cuts in services or a reduction in the QUALITY of services. It's imperative we leave the city and county separated in all aspects primarily governing and control. Our municipality thrives because of the level of qualified support, community effectiveness, diligent law enforcement and communication. Pushing the narrative for the merger of the county with the city is a step backwards. I vehemently oppose.



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WITNESS NAME: FRANCIS HESSER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I think it would be a disaster for the city and county to merge. St Louis county has enough problems in North County, and we do not need to take on the problems of the City. The St. Louis City generates revenue through income tax and through all the sports teams as well. The real question should be what are they doing with all that money?



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WITNESS NAME: FREDERICA PARKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bossydivaz2020@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 10:42 PM

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I fell like that is a bad idea because we the people who lives in Saint louis county don't get half the resources that St. Louis city gets and running everyone to the city where is overly dangerous at we'll leave us unsafe and homeless we want to stay in the county where it's safer for us and if anything all the young people that's causing all the violence should be put in jail and be housed away from the communities that are doing good for themselves



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WITNESS NAME: GARY WIEGERT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-562-6494	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CHESTERFIELD REPUBLICAN COMMITTEEMAN		TITLE: COMMITTEEMAN	
ADDRESS: 1324 BABLER PARK DRIVE			
CITY: WILDWOOD		STATE: MO	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: GLORIA MICHELLE YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would undermine the rights and votes of many of our state's citizens. Cities and counties have unique interests and needs that deserve voice and representation.



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WITNESS NAME: HEIDI STIEMSMA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a constituent, zip code 63118 and I am very much in opposition to the city and county consolidating. This is a horrible idea.



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WITNESS NAME: JACQUELINE PAYTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a lifelong St. Louis County resident who is 100% opposed to a city county merger.



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WITNESS NAME: JANA MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
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No, just NO!!!!!! I believe the county has made this perfectly clear in the past. The county should not have to take on the financial burden of the city. They need to learn to deal with and fix the situations they created for themselves.



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This is one of the worst ideas to come out of Jefferson City. Why would STL County want to merge with STL City? What is the benefit for STL County? The City wants to piggyback on the positive things happening in the County. Several corporations as well as residents have left the City for a variety of reasons that include the crime rate, the 1% City earnings tax, deteriorating infrastructure, a failed public school district, and lack of decent housing to name a few. Take a look at the deteriorating housing stock in North City. Code enforcement in the City is nonexistent. The police force will be under state control. So many issues that do not need to be brought to STL County. There is no benefit to the residents of STL County. This effort needs to be stopped.



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WITNESS NAME: JANIS L SERATI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose all St. Louis county/St Louis merger efforts. Including this bill to have a statewide vote on this.



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WITNESS NAME: JAYNE ELLEBRACHT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jayne.aep@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 10:56 PM

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I do not wish us to merge with the city. I believe the county should stay separate from the city.



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I opposed this legislation. I do not agree with a state-wide vote deciding if St Ann will be reunited with St. Louis City.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIE MARINO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jmarino@stannmo.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 2:52 PM
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I am writing to oppose Representative Macke's HJR27. The proposed legislation, if passed, would be devastating for my city and all cities in the St. Louis County area. The ability of the citizens of St. Louis city and St. Louis County to choose how they are governed is at risk due to possible passage of HJR27. Representative Mackey has chosen to bypass the methods put in place by the constitution to address a re-uniting of the city and county with HJR 27. If his wish to have a statewide vote on his proposed constitutional amendment is granted, the citizens in both St. Louis City and County will be denied their rights to have a voice in their own local government. If all voters in Missouri are allowed to decide on our local government, there is little chance that those the amendment directly affects will be able to stop its passage. Many of our cities have been working cooperatively for several years in many capacities. While I would agree that there is more work to be done, forcing a new Metropolitan City government on us is not only unfair, it is undemocratic. I do not believe the claims of Representative Macke that residents' financial situations would be improved by passing this legislation. I do not believe the claims of tax savings. I do not believe that clumping all our cities into one massive government entity will encourage businesses to come to the St. Louis area. Businesspeople are not naive and would surely notice the artificial dilution of crime rates by reuniting St. Louis City with St. Louis County. I do not believe that consolidating our governments will encourage others to move to the St. Louis area. I believe that the opposite effect will occur with many more people fleeing to neighboring counties. Merging all our police departments into one centralized police department will cause those of us who have incredible emergency response times of under 5 minutes to have to wait much longer times. While initially municipalities would be "allowed" to continue in existence, it is clear that the goal is to eventually dissolve all the cities into the merged city government. This legislation is word for word the exact same legislation proposed in 2018. At that time the community rejected it. 7 years later, we still reject it. We deserve to retain the right to determine locally if we want to join the City of St. Louis and St. Louis County together. I urge the House to reject this legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER HOLTZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN BOWMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN LUPIA SR.		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: lupia69@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 1:40 PM
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I believe that this merger will negatively impact the St. Louis county and municipalities in St. Louis county. The services for the residents would be greatly impacted and would also become a negative view for new residence of St. Louis county! St. Louis city politicians have not done the job needed to improve the city the merger would make the whole area worse!



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH EAGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jeagan70@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 6:10 PM

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Better together would have a catastrophic and permanent impact on the City of Florissant, and all of North St. Louis County. Florissant residents enjoy the highest level of services; parks and recreation, streets, and most importantly Police Services that are top notch and expedient. Yet these services come with a reasonable tax base. There are numerous municipalities in North County who are solvent and offer a small town experience for their residents...a sense of community that cannot be duplicated in a large government. Better Together would crash property values and create a wasteland. Merges and consolidation will and should occur organically as residents and communities deem appropriate. Creating a mega government will foster a process wherein residents become mired in a bureaucratic abyss.



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WITNESS NAME: JULIA MARY BROGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The city and county of St. Louis have repeatedly stated that we do NOT want a city/county merger! It is wrong to bring it up in a state wide vote. Why should people outside of St. Louis city and county make a decision that has NO INFLUENCE on them? This bill needs to be tossed in the trash. And I am a faithful voter



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN PIERRE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This legislation should not be considered and should be opposed. Although some view merging the city and county as a good thing, it is just a disaster in the making. Too many negative variables. Do not consider this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: aliasred1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 8:55 AM

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I am very against city/county merger. It should not be voted on statewide as it doesn't affect statewide, it should only be voted in by residents in St Louis City and St Louis County.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHLEEN L. SHANNON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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St. Louis City has little of value to bring to a merger with St. Louis County. Downtown St. Louis is dangerous and if it weren't for the sports, has no appeal as a tourist attraction. The Arch is a National Park - not a City enterprise. St. Louis has not attracted new business, has a diminishing tax base, and an embarrassingly mismanaged school system.



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WITNESS NAME: KEITH WELSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: keithtravels@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 1:06 PM
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This has not come forward with due diligence or public notification and discussion. The residents affected need the rationale for this. What will be gained? At what price? How is it conceivable that the two governments be reconciled? Without broad analysis and debate, this proposal deserves to fail.



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This will destroy every municipal government. This is a bad ideal and I do not want My County I love to become part of the City. They can keep there mess to themselves. You can take this bill and shove it. While your at it sir I call for your immediate step down of your position.



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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Emerging Issues Committee, Thank you for the opportunity to discuss Representative Mackey's bill, HJR 27, which revives the Better Together proposal to consolidate the governments of St. Louis County and the City of St. Louis. I oppose this bill. Given the resounding defeat of Better Together in the court of public opinion several years ago, I will keep my remarks brief. The bill undermines local control of government and services. For more than 125 years, our residents have built a highly desirable, economically diverse community. The residents of Webster Groves have a real fear that we will lose control of our identity and community character if forced to give up our ability to enact policies relating to zoning, sustainability, historic preservation, taxation and public safety. The bill also seeks to dissolve the most effective governmental organizations in the St. Louis area. While no municipality is perfect, the municipal governments of St. Louis County provide some of the most efficient and cost-effective services in the state. Our legislative bodies, City Councils and Boards of Aldermen, work hard to ensure that tax payer funds are spent in ways that reflect the needs and priorities of our communities. Recent history suggests that the larger governments in our area struggle to meet that same standard. While one of the central themes of regional consolidation is the belief that there will be specific cost savings, there is no evidence to back up this claim of direct financial benefits to taxpayers. In addition, enactment of the governmental structure outlined in this bill rests on a statewide vote. That means any adoption of the structure will not necessarily reflect the will of the communities involved. That robs St. Louis City and County residents of their right to determine how to govern themselves. I do recognize that fragmentation sometimes gets in our way as local leaders and as a region. We should continue to consider ways to achieve better service provision, greater efficiency, improvements in our national reputation and economic development. That means thinking beyond this outdated proposal and to new ideas that our residents can and will support. Thank you for your time. Laura Arnold Mayor of Webster Groves



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I am 100% against the merging of St. Louis city with St. Louis county ! This should never happen with many opposing reasons... too many to type out!



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I am against the merger of St. Louis County and St. Louis City. The property values will drop in St. Louis County if this merger takes place. If the merger takes place crime rates will rise causing St. Louis County and paying increased insurance rates. Because the city has been reckless with finances we in St. Louis County would be responsible for their debts and pensions. St. Louis County is a great place to live. A merger with the city would destroy the County. Thank you for your time.



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I do not want St. Louis County to merge with St. Louis city



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As a lifelong resident of St. Louis County, I'm totally against ANY proposed legislation that allows those who do not live in St. Louis County/City to decide the form of government that we live under. Allowing a statewide vote to FORCE a merger and strip local control from residents of the City and County through a bill written by lawyers for a multi-millionaire is un-American. HJR 27 is another attempt to do just that. I will not vote for any State Rep or Senator who supports such a bill.



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Good day, my name is Kel Ward, I serve as the Mayor for the City of Bellerive Acres, MO. On behalf of the Bellerive Acres Board of Aldermen and wonderful residents of our city, I'm writing to express my opposition to Rep. Mackey's proposed Bill to merge St. Louis City and St. Louis County. I was able to attend the Listening Session he held at the University of Missouri - St. Louis in which I listened for the reasoning behind the merger conversation resurfacing. I didn't hear any responses or compelling arguments from Rep. Mackey that made me want to go back to my residents and promote this. As I listened to the many elected officials, law enforcement representatives and residents who asked questions, stated opposition against this proposal and the responses from Rep. Mackey, it appeared to me that there was no due diligence done by going to various communities first talking to leaders/officials to vet the proposed intent to fill this Bill. When asked how he arrived at the number he did to dissolve municipalities, etc., the answer from him is it seemed like a good number. Rep. Mackey made assumptions that smaller municipalities struggled and would be better off dissolved or merged, which I take strong offense to. I shared with him and the others present that I represent a small Muni and that we have our issues like everyone else, but we are not struggling, we have everything we need to run our community. He also stated that he wanted to have conversation regarding the topic and I stated that if he wanted to do that, all he had to do is say so, I would welcome a conversation, but that it didn't take his proposal to get folks to talk. Again, I stand with all of the other Mayors, law enforcement reps., educational leaders, business persons and residents in Strong Opposition to this proposed legislation!!!!



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Don't do this. Let my city continue to govern itself.



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The consolidation of St. Louis City and St. Louis County, as proposed in Rep Mackey's legislation, is a harmful piece of legislation that would diminish the superb services that most incorporated, municipal governments deliver to their residents. There are no benefits that are visible to the residents of Manchester. The City and the County are burdened with highly polarized, political governments. Both governments lack the resources and the leadership to make life better for their constituents. Both entities struggle with delivering basic services. Speaking for Manchester residents and our Board of Aldermen, we express strong opposition to Rep. Mackey's consolidation bill. -Mike Clement, Mayor of Manchester.



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As a resident of St. Louis County, I absolutely object to the merger of the county with St. Louis City. St. Louis City is a disaster by their own doing. I do not want my tax dollars going toward cleaning up the mess from their disastrous policies created by their incompetent leadership. St. Louis County should not have to absorb the financial issues nor the crime issues. The county does not need to be dragged down. City officials need to be held accountable and clean up their own messes before even considering a city county merger.



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Fuck you assholes!!! The city is a shithole and Sam Page in St Louis county isn't much better. I can't wait to see all these corrupt Politicians behind bars or face the ultimate price for crimes against humanity. Wake up people!!! The Uni-party does not give 2 shits about you!!! St Louis County Executive Sam Page and the Councilman are Fucking idiots!! Fire all these losers!!!



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My communication about HJR 27 is to raise objections to and serious concerns about a merger of STL City and County and/or a merger of STL County's many municipalities into the County or any kind of governance merger that is not originated by and desired by the residents who live in County municipalities. As evidenced in the public meetings that Rep. Mackey had in the last few weeks/months, most of us who know anything about muni governance and the services provided spoke out vigorously against any such merger attempts. Better Together's disastrous attempt at this should have taught all the lessons needed on this topic. Any merger dictated by the MO Legislature is not only short-sighted but absolutely authoritarian and dictatorial as if big daddy knows better than those of us who live here every day. Most of those talking about merger have not even been to any of our beautiful and very well-run munis. how would basic services we enjoy daily be provided in a merged environment? Services like city tree trimming to protect our canopies, code enforcement to assure quality housing stock and occupancy limit compliance, easy and almost immediate access to our own city halls and elected officials, maintenance of our streets, curbs, pocket parks and pavilions where we gather as neighbors, snow plowing and salting, and so much more that STL County nor STL City do adequately today. My muni, City of Greendale, is professionally audited annually (unqualified audits every time!), is financially sound including bond issues to keep our streets, sidewalks and curbs in good condition that we pay the principle and interests on time. Greendale is the crowned jewel of mid-county. Drive or walk through our beautiful community and see for yourself. **DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FIX WHAT IS NOT BROKEN! Leave our STL County munis alone!**



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Not in favor of merger with the City of St Louis



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I oppose this bill as St. Louis County, MO should NOT MERGE WITH St. Louis City, MO. The county should not have to take on the problems that the city has currently and in the future. This should be a LOCAL issue and NOT a state issue.



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The City of St. Louis has nothing to offer the County. The County's resources will be drained coping with the problems of the City. If the City and County merge, we will move to St. Charles or another close County. We will never let our tax money go to the City.



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I oppose the consolidation of St Louis City and County. I feel that this will lead to a reduction in services that the individual municipalities can provide now. The biggest deficiency will be in the area of law enforcement. The coverage of police officers for such a large area would decrease over what is provided now by the municipalities. Also, police departments and their officers provide a lot of public service to their communities that will not continue.



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On Record Breaking Generational Poverty Foundation is in opposition of this bill.



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After much discussion, again, among the City of Bridgeton elected officials, employees and numerous citizens, it is our position that a consolidation of St. Louis County and St. Louis City would not be a viable solution to further economic development within the region. I'd be more than happy to be part of a group to offer the City of St. Louis constructive advice on how to better their financial condition.



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I am against this because I believe this is a proposed money grab by St. Louis City to take funds from St. Louis County. If this passes, services that we currently have in St. Louis County will be greatly diminished. Furthermore, this is not a state wide issue! Only residents of St. Louis County and St. Louis City should have a say in this matter. I have voted against this in the past and I will vote against it again. If this passes, I believe that many St. Louis Countians will be moving to St. Charles County, myself included.



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The fact this is even at a state level tells me that the sponsor of the bill isn't concerned about the thoughts of the people that live in the region. They are trying to bypass the people and put it to a vote of others that will not be affected by a merger. The city of St. Louis is a cancer. You don't cure cancer by introducing it to a larger body. The people of St. Louis county have voted this same issue down multiple times before, and for very good reason. The sponsors are hoping that statistics will be hidden in sheer numbers. St. Louis city has been the murder capitol of the US because the statistics are counted on a per capita basis, so by merging the region into one, they are hoping to hide the crime because the per capita becomes a much larger sample. A fish is still a fish no matter how big the pond is. While the people understand that the city of St. Louis needs improvement, it is wrong to force the people that live in the region to live with the decisions of those that don't. It would be a burden on St. Louis county to absorb, or be absorbed into St. Louis city. I chose not to live in the city because of its problems. I chose to live in the county because it is much more prosperous than the city could ever achieve in its current condition. I chose this because the city schools are failing. The amount of crime the city has is astronomical. The way the city handles its finances is another clear example of people that don't care or understand how to spend money effectively. The city services are in decline. Having too many alderman is also a clear example of too many chefs in a crowded kitchen. I am greatly opposed to any sort of merger until the city can be dissolved. If this is allowed to go through, I will gladly take my tax base elsewhere in Missouri by moving out of the area.



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I do not want the city issues to come into the county. I do not want to pay additional taxes. A merger would only benefit the politicians.



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Too many unknowns to move this forward.



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I am oppose to this Bill. 1. I am still unclear how the municipal population merger number(s) were determined. (I attended a meeting at UMSL and the question was not answered to any ones satisfaction), 2. Any meetings/discussions were not inclusive of those communities affected prior to a final decision to proceed.3. The residents were not included in the decision making process, same tactics as Better Together? Ignoring public input, especially those with a vested interest is unacceptable.4. It is unrealistic to dismantle a police department in a population that falls in the merger criteria that has an accredited police department and is sustainable while some communities exist with larger population that do not have an accredited police department, but will be able to continue to function because they have the magic number of residents.



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I am extremely against any City-County merger. The voters spoke on this several years ago and there is no reason for it to keep being brought up again. Every time they spend time discussing this or even worse getting it on the ballot, it costs the taxpayers money. Please stop this ridiculous waste of time and money. Thank you.



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Good afternoon, Chair and Members of the Committee, Although I am unable to be present in person for today's hearing, I appreciate the opportunity to submit this written testimony for the official record. My name is Colonel Tameika Sanders, and I serve as the municipal Chief of Police for the Normandy Police Department, Normandy, MO. I am also a homeowner and resident of unincorporated St. Louis County. I speak today from both a professional and personal perspective; as a law enforcement leader who serves a community daily, and as a resident who experiences firsthand the gaps and inefficiencies of larger government structures. Let me be clear: I am not speaking to protect a title or a municipality. I am here to advocate for governance that is accountable, effective, and truly centered on the people it claims to serve. I support regional cooperation, I support innovation, and I believe in efficient, inclusive public service. And if there were a well-defined, evidence-based proposal that clearly improved public safety, fiscal responsibility, and equity, I would support it. This is not about power. This is about people. But what is being proposed lacks the structure, detail, and data that any sound public reform requires. It's not enough to point to regional problems and promise a fix, we need to know how. This merger proposal contains no tested model, no verifiable benefit, and no clear safeguards for community voice or local representation. It risks widening the gap between government and the people it exists to serve. It identifies real concerns: fragmentation, financial strain, and crime; but offers no substantiated plan for how consolidating jurisdictions will solve them. It relies on generalities and aspirational language, not measurable outcomes or grounded strategy. Critically, the financial risks of this proposal cannot be overlooked. The City of St. Louis is carrying nearly \$1 billion in debt, while St. Louis County faces a multi-billion-dollar infrastructure deficit and ongoing budgetary pressures. This merger would not eliminate those obligations. On the contrary, it would redistribute them across a broader population, including communities that have worked hard to remain financially stable. Without a transparent, long-term fiscal strategy, we risk compounding, not correcting, regional strain. I would stand behind any plan that makes us safer, more united, and more accountable, even if it meant giving up my role. But I cannot support an undefined promise over proven proximity, especially in communities already struggling to be heard. And that is the heart of the issue: this merger would move decisions further away from the people. It risks weakening local representation, diluting public safety efforts, and redistributing debt without a clear plan for stability or success. Local governments, particularly those built through grassroots incorporation, exist because residents sought something better. That should not be erased, it should be respected. As a resident, I live the experience of unincorporated governance daily. My neighbors and I have watched nearby communities incorporate, and we hope to follow their lead. Not for prestige, but because we want to protect our most significant investments: our families, our homes, and our futures. The level of service provided by the County has too often lacked urgency, consistency, or meaningful engagement. For us, incorporation isn't about

control, it's about hope. A hope that services will be delivered with intention. Hope that someone will answer when we call. Hope that our voices will matter when decisions are made. And let us not overlook the issue of representation. Local government has long served as a vital pathway for civic participation, particularly in African American communities. If we restructure without deliberate safeguards for inclusion and access, we risk undoing decades of progress. That is not reform—it is regression. We don't need to be rescued; we need to be respected. In closing, I urge this committee to weigh this proposal not by its intentions, but by its merits. Not by what it promises, but by what it lacks. Good governance doesn't just diagnose problems, it delivers solutions, grounded in planning, backed by data, and built alongside the people it is meant to serve. Thank you for your time, your commitment, and for considering the full impact this proposal could have on the people who live, serve, and hope in this region.



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This would be horrific to our City and Community.



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I am opposed to this in so many reasons. However, my biggest issue is that this is a St. Louis City and County issue and any consolidation should be decided by the people of this region and not vote of the entire state.



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St. Ann municipality in St. Louis County is a great place to live for families. We do not want a merger with St. Louis City. St. Louis City cannot run itself properly and we want no part of it.



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I feel that joining St.Louis City and County will be detrimental to St. Louis County. We don't need anymore crime moved into the county. There are NO BENEFITS by doing so.



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I do not approve of this merge.