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WITNESS NAME: BUDDY LAHL		PHONE NUMBER: 816-753-5222
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The Missouri Restaurant Association supports all "Act Against Abusive Website Litigation" Bills introduced in the House this session. Including HB 1674, 1694, 1755, 1780, 2056, 2312, 1842, 2150 Far too many restaurants and small business operators have paid fees to the same attorney while simultaneously making alterations to their website to be compliant with ADA guidelines. Many restaurants do not have the wherewithal to hire outside website designers and manage their sites independently. They strive to provide relevant information about their business and try to comply with all required laws. Having a 30 day right to cure allows an operator to do the right thing for the public without being strongarmed into paying litigious fees. I would also recommending an additional abusive clause to include "the plaintiff must demonstrate an actual use for the defendants' products or services" demonstrating that the plaintiff intended to use the good or services to further prevent frivolous lawsuits. Restaurants ore the cornerstone in every community from our big cities to our small towns. We applaud all Representatives for taking the time to pass this important piece of legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HALDERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LISA PANNETT		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: ARMORVINE		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: LYNNE SCHLOSSER		PHONE NUMBER: 913-461-8724	
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WITNESS NAME: RAY MCCARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246
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Associated Industries of Missouri (AIM) supports legislation that will stop abusive litigation that is currently being threatened by opportunistic plaintiffs' attorneys. This bill provides an opportunity to a business to remedy any shortcomings in ADA accessibility and provides enforcement by the Attorney General.



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WITNESS NAME: RICH AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-1845	
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WITNESS NAME: SANDY WAGGETT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-480-4372	
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT FETTERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 816-590-8670	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
REPRESENTING: GREATER KC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose HB 1694.

While the bill is framed as targeting “abusive” lawsuits, its structure would empower businesses and the Attorney General to bring separate civil actions against people or law firms simply for filing ADA website accessibility claims. That creates a legal penalty for individuals who seek enforcement of federal disability-rights protections and could discourage legitimate claims.

Website accessibility lawsuits exist because people with disabilities often cannot use sites in ways that others can, and there is no regular government enforcement of many digital barriers. Rather than creating a new mechanism that chills access to justice and invites counter-suits, Missouri should focus on improving compliance through education, clear standards, and remediation pathways.

This bill shifts risk and leverage away from people with disabilities and toward defendants in ways that do not clearly improve accessibility or fairness. For these reasons, I oppose HB 1694.