



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ANNETTE WALLACE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/17/2026 11:59 PM</b>	
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**I am in full Support of this Bill by increasing penalties and Jail time. I feel three (3) for a D.U.I./D.W.I. Offense and you never get to drive again and must do a mandatory Jail-Sentence.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CODY UMFRESS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-561-6053</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>BYRNES MILL PD</b>		TITLE: <b>SERGEANT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>141 OSAGE EXECUTIVE CR</b>			
CITY: <b>BYRNES MILL</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63051</b>
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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>HEATHER ELDER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-694-9187</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MADD</b>		TITLE: <b>VICTIM SERVICE SPECIALIST</b>
ADDRESS:		
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
		ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER NELDON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUSTINE WOHR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>LOCKE THOMPSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-9180</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS</b>		TITLE: <b>COLE COUNTY PA</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>311 E HIGH ST #300</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>PATRICK FLESCH</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-751-2803</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MODOT</b>		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICK CHAMBERS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-863-2254</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>SOUTH KC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1300 E 94TH ST, SUITE 100</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64131</b>
EMAIL: <b>rchambers@southkcchamber.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/17/2026 4:04 AM</b>	

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I represent the South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. We strongly endorse this bill, especially the sections relating to strengthening the use of interlock devices for individuals with one or more convictions for impaired driving. This will significantly improve the safety of Missouri roads, as many accidents are directly related to impaired driving.



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>RYAN MILLS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-305-5165</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>KANSAS CITY MISSOURI POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>1125 LOCUST</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64106</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/17/2026 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SCOTT WILSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-751-2803</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MODOT</b>		TITLE: <b>LAW ENFORCEMENT PRG. MANG.</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KORTNIE HUDDLESTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This legislation represents a deeply flawed approach to traffic safety that will worsen racial disparities, impose harsh penalties on vulnerable populations, and line corporate coffers at the expense of working people.

While framed as a public safety measure, this bill dramatically expands the use of ignition interlock devices for first-time and low-level offenses. These devices create a two-tiered justice system where your ability to drive—and therefore work, care for your family, and participate in daily life—depends on your ability to pay. The costs of installation, monthly monitoring fees, and maintenance create an immense financial burden that falls hardest on low-income Missourians. For those struggling to make ends meet, these expenses can mean choosing between complying with court orders and putting food on the table.

The bill also escalates penalties and creates new felony classifications for driving while intoxicated offenses. We know from decades of research that harsher punishments do not deter impaired driving. What they do is fill our prisons with people struggling with addiction rather than connecting them with treatment and support. This approach has devastated communities of color, who are policed more aggressively and face systemic barriers at every stage of the legal process. Mandatory minimum sentences and enhanced felony charges will only deepen these disparities.

Notably absent from this legislation is any meaningful investment in the root causes of impaired driving: lack of accessible public transportation, inadequate mental health and addiction treatment services, and economic desperation that leaves people with no safe options for getting home. Instead of expanding bus routes, light rail, and ride-sharing subsidies in underserved areas, this bill doubles down on punishment.

The bill also fails to address why people drive after drinking in the first place. In communities without reliable transit, driving is not a choice but a necessity. A working parent who has a few drinks at a dinner and then drives their child to childcare the next morning is treated the same as someone driving dangerously impaired. This one-size-fits-all approach ignores context and complexity.

We should be investing in treatment, not punishment. We should be building communities where people don't have to drive to meet their basic needs. We should be addressing the addiction crisis as a public health emergency, not a law enforcement opportunity. This bill moves us in exactly the wrong direction. I urge you to vote no.



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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL DREYER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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I am in strong opposition to this bill. This legislation represents a deeply flawed approach to traffic safety that will worsen racial disparities, impose harsh penalties on vulnerable populations, and line corporate coffers at the expense of working people.

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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Legislative Notice:**

The General Assembly is hereby placed on notice that HB 1740, as drafted, creates foreseeable constitutional exposure under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses by conditioning continued driving privileges on third-party vendor reporting mechanisms without uniform procedural safeguards, indigency protections, or clearly defined evidentiary standards.

Further, the restructuring of felony grading under §577.010 materially alters existing penalty architecture in a manner that may generate retroactivity, notice, and proportionality challenges if applied inconsistently or without explicit legislative findings.

Enactment without clarifying amendments invites litigation concerning arbitrary enforcement, vendor-delegated sanction triggers, and unequal application across socioeconomic classes.