



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

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COMMITTEE: <b>Government Efficiency</b>			
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Using letters to name local ballot measures is a method some cities use to educate voters on the purpures of the ballot measure. Use of letters to name a ballot measure is not advocating for that ballot measure.



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**Testimony on HB 1790**

I agree that voters deserve clear, plain-language explanations of tax levy proposals, including an understandable statement of real financial impact. Transparency and voter comprehension are essential to a functioning democracy.

However, HB 1790 goes beyond transparency and instead imposes rigid, one-size-fits-all restrictions on how local ballot measures may be labeled and explained. Eliminating descriptive titles altogether and mandating uniform formatting risks reducing voter clarity rather than improving it, particularly for voters who rely on contextual cues to navigate complex ballots.

I urge the committee to amend this bill to preserve its transparency goals while allowing local jurisdictions reasonable flexibility to communicate clearly and accurately with their voters. Voter understanding should be enhanced, not constrained by overly prescriptive statutory requirements.



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