



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 1845</b>		DATE: <b>2/18/2026</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>Commerce</b>			
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BEN JOHNSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-497-8985</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>NEXT MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>CHAIR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>4340 DUNCAN AVE STE 100</b>			
CITY: <b>ST LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63110</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/18/2026 12:00 AM</b>	
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>CHANCE HEPOLA</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE &amp; INDUSTRY</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>428 E CAPITOL AVE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID JACKSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-406-2933</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>GREATER STL INC</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>ONE METROPOLITAN SQUARE STE 1300</b>			
CITY: <b>ST LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63102</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>NANCY GIDDENS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-230-6203</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>CITY OF KANSAS CITY; GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; CIVIC COUNCIL OF GREATER KANSAS CITY</b>		TITLE: <b>LOBBYIST</b>
ADDRESS: <b>208 MADISON STREET</b>		
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
		ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>nancy@thegiddensgroup.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/18/2026 8:10 AM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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**I am Opposed to yet another Tax-Credit and giving away more money as Corporate-Welfare.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/17/2026 8:47 PM</b>	
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**HB 1845 creates a 40–50% refundable, transferable income tax credit for private angel investments, with escalating annual caps and geographic allocation formulas.**

**While capital formation is a legitimate state interest, this structure raises fiscal integrity and constitutional governance concerns.**

**HB 1845 creates a high-percentage, transferable credit with automatic cap escalation, broad discretionary allocation authority, and reduced transparency guardrails. The fiscal and administrative design warrants careful constitutional and budgetary scrutiny.**

**I urge opposition.**

**Legislative Notice:**

**The General Assembly is on notice that HB 1845 materially expands transferable tax expenditures, embeds automatic cap escalation, and delegates broad allocation authority without objective standards. These features may invite challenge under Missouri fiscal accountability principles, equal protection standards governing discretionary benefit allocation, and administrative law review for arbitrary implementation.**