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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: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-4876	
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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HALDERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LISA PANNETT		PHONE NUMBER:
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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: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 2056. This bill creates a state-level mechanism that discourages enforcement of federally protected disability rights by exposing individuals and attorneys to retaliatory lawsuits, fee-shifting, and punitive damages simply for bringing website accessibility claims. Civil rights laws like the Americans with Disabilities Act depend on private enforcement. Legislation that makes enforcement financially risky undermines the law itself.

HB 2056 relies on vague, subjective standards—such as assessing a plaintiff’s “primary purpose,” settlement behavior, or litigation history—to label claims as “abusive.” It further creates rebuttable presumptions based on a defendant’s remediation timeline, shifting the burden away from compliance and onto individuals seeking access. These provisions invite arbitrary enforcement, delay relief while barriers remain, and privilege defendants’ timelines over disabled users’ ability to participate fully in modern digital life.

Courts already possess tools to address frivolous or abusive litigation. Creating a special statutory regime aimed at one category of civil rights enforcement is unnecessary and constitutionally suspect. Missouri should encourage accessibility and compliance, not deter enforcement through intimidation and punishment. For these reasons, I urge a NO vote on HB 2056.