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On behalf of Freedom Principle MO, we strongly support HB 2139, the "No Sharia Act." This bill protects Missourians' constitutional rights by prohibiting courts, arbitration panels, and agencies from enforcing Sharia law or any foreign legal system that denies fundamental liberties, rights, and privileges guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and Missouri Constitution.

As a pro-citizen, America First, Missouri First organization aligned with Make America Great Again values, we champion the rule of law, equal justice, individual liberties, and state/national sovereignty. HB 2139 upholds these principles by voiding any contract, court ruling, arbitration decision, or jurisdictional provision relying on incompatible foreign laws, with appropriate exceptions for internal religious matters, voluntary corporate agreements, and federal preemption.

Sharia law, derived from the Quran, Hadith, and Islamic jurisprudence, conflicts with core constitutional protections, including:

Unequal treatment of women (e.g., testimony and inheritance rights half that of men), violating equal protection.

Harsh hudud punishments (e.g., amputation, stoning), breaching the prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.

Death penalties for apostasy, infringing freedom of religion.

Discriminatory dhimmi status and jizya tax on non-Muslims, conflicting with equal citizenship and no religious establishment.

Supremacy of divine law over man-made constitutions, undermining constitutional supremacy.

These conflicts are not hypothetical and pose real risks through foreign judgments, arbitration, or contracts. HB 2139 proactively reinforces constitutional supremacy, safeguards due process, equal protection, religious freedom, and other guarantees—especially in marriage, divorce, child custody, adoption, and inheritance.

While we respect Muslim culture, history, and personal faith (protected under our laws), Sharia as a legal system has no place in Missouri or the U.S. due to its irreconcilable conflicts with equality, liberty, and the rule of law.

We urge the committee and legislature to prioritize and pass HB 2139 in the 2026 session to ensure

justice and freedom remain uncompromised for all Missourians.

Thank you for your leadership in protecting our constitutional rights. Freedom Principle MO stands ready to support this effort.



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This violates the 1st amendment and the U.S. Constitution already expressly denies authority to any foreign law. This also violates the separation of church and state. This clearly means it only applies to one religion and shows favoritism due the bill text statement ",This can't be construed into (2) Limit adjudication of ecclesiastical matters of a religious organization, including the selection, appointment, discipline, or removal of clergy or interpretation of doctrine. L" Which leads to the US further into creating its own version of Sharia law, but with Christianity. This exactly hb 2175 therefore its an even bigger waste of tax payer money, and goes against the supreme law of this land. If this doesn't apply to all religions there is no point for this bill.



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This bill does not actually change anything. It is instead pushing anti-Muslim bigotry.



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I urge you to vote NO on HB2139 (Jordan), the proposed so-called “No Shari’a” bills. While their stated aim is to protect constitutional rights, their true effect is to target religious minorities, undermine international cooperation, and create legal chaos.

The bills stigmatize an entire faith by explicitly naming “Shari’a law,” a term representing personal religious practice for millions, alongside broader concerns about foreign law. This is discriminatory, fosters division, and ignites baseless fear.

These proposals are not necessary. Our Constitution and existing legal precedent already provide the ultimate shield against any ruling, contract, or judgment that violates fundamental liberties. These bills solve a problem that does not exist, at the cost of fueling intolerance.

In addition, the legislation dangerously overreaches. One version explicitly nullifies all jurisdiction, rules, and mandates of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the World Economic Forum. This is an alarming attempt to isolate Missouri from global cooperation on public health, humanitarian aid, and economic stability. It directly threatens our state’s ability to respond to pandemics, participate in trade, and benefit from shared scientific knowledge.

The language is also dangerously overbroad and creates legal chaos. By prohibiting contracts that “provide for the choice of” foreign law, it threatens international business agreements, trade, and commercial arbitration that Missourians rely on for our economy. It intrudes upon the freedom of contract and could invalidate routine agreements.

Finally, the bills risk infringing on the First Amendment rights of all religious communities. While they include a limited carve-out for internal church matters, they explicitly override religious law in family matters like inheritance, dictating how citizens of faith may arrange their private lives.

These bills are a solution in search of a problem. They are discriminatory, harmful to our economy, and a threat to religious freedom. I urge you to reject them.



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HB 2139 proposes to prohibit Missouri courts and tribunals from applying foreign law, including Shari'a law, if such law would deny parties fundamental rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution or the Missouri Constitution.

While protection of constitutional rights is a legitimate legislative concern, the protections described in this bill already exist within established American jurisprudence. Courts in Missouri and throughout the United States routinely decline to enforce foreign law, judgments, or contractual provisions that violate constitutional rights or fundamental public policy.

Because courts already refuse to apply foreign law that conflicts with constitutional guarantees, HB 2139 largely duplicates existing legal safeguards.

In addition, the bill introduces language prohibiting the application of foreign law that would "likely violate" constitutional rights. This phrasing creates an ambiguous legal standard that may generate uncertainty in civil litigation and international commerce. Courts typically rely on established public policy and due process standards rather than speculative determinations regarding what foreign law might "likely" do.

Missouri courts regularly address matters involving international contracts, arbitration agreements, and cross-border disputes.

Creating new statutory restrictions in this area may unintentionally complicate the enforcement of legitimate commercial agreements while providing little additional protection beyond what constitutional law already requires.

For these reasons, the General Assembly should carefully consider whether HB 2139 provides any practical legal benefit beyond existing constitutional protections while potentially creating unnecessary ambiguity in Missouri law.

Members of the General Assembly are respectfully placed on notice that the issues addressed in HB 2139 are already governed by well-established constitutional doctrine and existing judicial precedent.