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This proposal is a common-sense reform that benefits both citizens and the state. Allowing owners of newer vehicles to obtain five-year registration tags reduces the need for repeated visits to the Department of Motor Vehicles while preserving the same total revenue collected by the state.

The fees paid by the individual remain unchanged; they are simply consolidated into a single transaction rather than spread across multiple visits. This approach streamlines administrative processes, reduces congestion at state offices, and saves time for working families.

At its core, this is a straightforward step toward making government more efficient, more accessible, and more responsive to the needs of the public.



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Many of us keep vehicles for 5 years or more. This will save time and money by not going into the DMV. Possibly reducing congestion at the DMV also. Allows us to register/tag vehicle and not worry about it for the 5 years.



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Hello, I have been working in the Montgomery County Collector's office since 1987, and I truly feel that this bill if passed will truly hurt the citizens of Montgomery County. I would like to share some numbers with you to support my opinion. We are a small county, so my numbers may seem insignificant, but if you look at the percentage of taxpayers who do not file assessments in a timely manner you can see that this is a problem that would be multiplied should this bill pass. I will begin with the personal property assessments filed in the original assessor's tax book for the 2022 tax year. We had 5,578 assessments of record in the original book which includes filings through the month of June 2022. The assessor then continues to add assessments up to the time that the collector's office prints the tax bills for the first tax billing of the year. The assessor added 402 assessments which were included in the original mailing from the collector's office, we mailed 5,980 tax bills in our first billing. The 2022 personal property taxes become delinquent January 1, 2023, however between November 2022 and February 28, 2023, the assessor added another 464 assessments. The next collection year March 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024 the assessor added another 462 2022 personal property assessments. This is a direct result of the two year vehicle registration, after those original two years the 2022 assessments drop to 130 and then 34. The last two years of 2022 assessments are significantly lower. Imagine the effects of a five-year registration. The number of 2022 assessments filed from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2025 were 1,492 which represents 27% of assessments filed for that tax year. The numbers for 2023 and 2024 assessments are not complete but at this time 25% for each year have filed late. I see it all the time, people do not take care of business until they are compelled to, if you don't require them to renew in two years, they won't file with us until they have to. Twenty-five percent of Montgomery County taxpayers already are being hit with late assessment fees and penalties and interest. It will still be the same percentage, but the burden of five years will be a greater hardship.



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As the Saline County Collector I am opposed to any legislation that would allow an extension longer than two years on registration of motor vehicles. There are a lot of my taxpayers who wait to pay their personal property taxes until their registration is due. If they were given a bill for five years worth of taxes the greater majority of those people would not be able to make the payment. For reference January 1, 2025-October 31, 2025 3395 personal property accounts were paid in my office. As compared to a total of 7571 personal property tax bills were paid between November 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025. I pulled the same number for 2024: accounts paid January 2024-October 2024 3431 as compared to November 2024-December 2024 7432 accounts were paid.



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Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill 2189. i would like to voice my opposition to this proposal.

I offer this testimony in my capacity as the Benton County Collector, President of the Missouri County Collectors Association, and as a member of the County Collectors Legislative Committee.

The idea of five-year registration will only cause hardships for taxpayers who already struggle with keeping up with a two-year registration. In my capacity, I have taxpayers come in every day to catch up with the taxes they owe so they can renew the tags on their automobiles. A five-year tag will only compound that difficulty, not help. If they drag renewals out long enough, we could also be in a position that we would have to outlaw the older bills and not even have the ability to collect them. If they do not do an assessment, the Assessor's Office can only go back three years to add them on for statements.

While this would benefit the State because they will get their money for the license up front, the local government and taxing entities would be left waiting for payment.

While the current system may not be perfect, it does keep taxpayers a little bit more accountable. This bill also applies to cars less than six years old, when the taxes are highest which would mean more interest and penalties.

I urge the Committee to oppose HB 2189 and to think about what this could do to the Counties they represent.

Thank you for your time.
David Brodersen
 Benton County Collector



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I would like to thank you for the chance to submit my testimony which is in opposition to the idea of a five year motor vehicle registration. In theory I think it is a fine idea, yet as a county collector I believe it is actually not a good idea.

Our county sends out approximately 9000 personal property tax bills per year. As of today we have approximately 5500 past due bills from the tax years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 with an amount due of \$1,759,571.46. On March 1 of each year we write off any personal property taxes that are more than 3 years delinquent.

Collection of delinquent taxes is quite difficult. We send notices which cost with postage going up each year. We send delinquent taxes to the DOR for suspension of plates, the only plates they will suspend are the ones listed on the tax bill which makes it hard because people change cars quite often.

The people that can't afford to pay their bill each year certainly will not be able to pay after 5 years and some of the people that can afford pay each year won't be able to pay after 5 years as plating their car is the only reason they pay their bill.

I will agree this is not the majority of taxpayers, but I will say it is enough to be a burden to the community. I pray you will take this into consideration when you make your decision.

Respectfully,

Donna Goodin
Marion County MO Collector



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My name is James Copeland, I am the owner of Midwest Autoworx Inc. in Columbia MO, I am opposed to any bill that weakens, degrades or removes motor vehicle state inspections in MO. I have been in the auto repair business for over 40 years and have seen the degradation to the MO Motor Vehicle Inspection Program, I have to admit that I am not a fan of big government, but I do think that safety of the motorist, especially the unsuspecting motorist that maintains their own cars regularly, is at risk by many individuals that do not care or do not understand the danger in driving a vehicle that they could lose control of at high speeds! We inspect over a hundred cars a month and some of these vehicles should not have been driven to our inspection station! The government believes in making it a law to wear seat belts for the protection of the individuals in the car, a law on using phones when driving, and a law for obtaining a license for you vehicle which is a state inspection to make sure your vehicle is safe to drive. These were all put in place to save lives and do! The inspection program is self funded and the cost is cheap at \$12, that is a bargain for customers, and the program should continue with out anymore degradation!



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Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this proposal. I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to the concept of five-year vehicle registration tags in Missouri, based on its anticipated impacts to taxpayers, local political subdivisions, and the long-term stability of Missouri's personal property tax system.

I offer this testimony in my capacity as Stoddard County Collector-Treasurer, Co-Legislative Chair, and Vice President of the Missouri County Collectors Association. My comments reflect both my direct experience administering Missouri's tax laws at the local level and the broader operational concerns shared by collectors across the state.

Missouri's current vehicle registration and personal property tax structure relies on regular, recurring compliance touchpoints. While the intent behind extended registration periods may be administrative convenience, the real-world consequences of a five-year registration cycle would be detrimental—particularly to taxpayers who already struggle to remain current, and to the local governments that rely on these revenues to provide essential services.

From a practical standpoint, many taxpayers already have difficulty keeping up with personal property taxes on a two-year cycle. Extending that window to five years does not alleviate financial hardship; rather, it compounds it. Allowing taxes to accrue over a longer period results in significantly larger balances due at once, including penalties and interest. These larger balances are far less likely to be paid voluntarily and place already struggling taxpayers in a worse financial position than they would otherwise face under the current system.

A five-year registration structure would also encourage long-term delinquency. Regular renewal requirements serve as an important reminder and accountability mechanism that helps keep taxpayers engaged and current. Removing those touchpoints reduces compliance and increases delinquency rates, which ultimately harms both taxpayers and local governments.

The financial impact to local political subdivisions cannot be overstated. Personal property taxes fund essential services such as schools, counties, cities, townships, fire protection districts, ambulance districts, libraries, and road districts. These entities budget and operate on annual revenue cycles. Delayed collections, increased delinquencies, and lost revenue directly undermine their ability to provide core services and maintain financial stability.

Additionally, Missouri law requires collectors to outlaw personal property taxes after five years of delinquency. A five-year registration cycle effectively guarantees that a greater volume of taxes will reach the outlaw threshold, permanently eliminating those revenues. Once outlawed, these taxes cannot be collected, resulting in irreversible losses to local political subdivisions.

This proposal also shifts financial risk away from the state and onto local governments. While the state may benefit from administrative simplicity, counties and local taxing districts would bear the burden of

lost revenue, increased enforcement costs, and reduced collection efficiency. This represents an unfunded mandate imposed on local government entities already operating with limited resources. Extended registration periods further risk rewarding non-compliance over compliance. Taxpayers who consistently pay on time would effectively subsidize those who delay payment for years. Sound tax policy should encourage regular, timely compliance—not create incentives for avoidance or procrastination.

From an administrative perspective, larger delinquent balances increase workload for county offices. More payment plans, more enforcement actions, and more time spent managing long-term delinquencies divert limited staff resources away from customer service and proactive compliance efforts.

Finally, while a small segment of taxpayers may perceive convenience in fewer registration renewals, public policy should not be crafted to benefit narrow groups without fully accounting for system-wide consequences. Effective tax policy must consider its impact on all taxpayers and the local governments that depend on these revenues to function.

In closing, Missouri's current system—while not perfect—provides necessary structure, accountability, and revenue stability. A five-year vehicle registration tag system would increase delinquency, worsen financial hardship for struggling taxpayers, reduce collections, increase outlawed taxes, and weaken the fiscal foundation of local political subdivisions across the state.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose five-year vehicle registration tags and to carefully consider the long-term implications such a policy would have on taxpayers and local governments alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Speakman

Stoddard County Collector-Treasurer

Co-Legislative Chair & Vice President

Missouri County Collectors Association



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**Written Testimony in Opposition to Five-Year Vehicle Registration Tags
 Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Committee:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this proposal. I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to the concept of five-year vehicle registration tags in Missouri, based on its anticipated impacts to taxpayers, local political subdivisions, and the long-term stability of Missouri's personal property tax system.

I offer this testimony in my capacity as Hickory County Collector. My comments reflect my direct experience as the Hickory County Collector since 2012 and administering Missouri's tax laws at the local level.

Missouri's current vehicle registration and personal property tax structure relies on regular, recurring compliance touchpoints. While the intent behind extended registration periods may be administrative convenience, the real-world consequences of a five-year registration cycle would be detrimental—particularly to taxpayers who already struggle to remain current, and to the local governments that rely on these revenues to provide essential services.

I see first-hand that many taxpayers already have difficulty keeping up with personal property taxes on a two-year cycle. Extending that window to five years does not alleviate financial hardship; rather, it compounds it. Allowing taxes to accrue over a longer period results in significantly larger balances due at once, including penalties and interest and late assessment charges. These larger balances are going to put already struggling taxpayers in a worse financial position.

The financial impact to local political subdivisions cannot be overstated. Personal property taxes fund essential services such as schools, counties, cities, townships, fire protection districts, ambulance districts, libraries, and road districts. These entities budget and operate on annual revenue cycles. Delayed collections, increased delinquencies, and lost revenue directly undermine their ability to provide core services and maintain financial stability.

Additionally, people move county to county and out of state. There would be no way of keeping up with where someone lived two, three and up to five years later. We have trouble now finding a good address for a delinquent taxpayer.

While the state may benefit from administrative simplicity, counties and local taxing districts would bear the burden of lost revenue, increased enforcement costs, and reduced collection efficiency. From an administrative perspective, larger delinquent balances increase workload for county offices. Files must be kept for longer periods of time, More payment plans, more enforcement actions.

Finally, while a small segment of taxpayers may perceive convenience in fewer registration renewals, public policy should not be crafted to benefit narrow groups without fully accounting for system-wide consequences. Vehicle registration has been made easier over time with online and phone renewals. Why are changing a system that is working for something that will cause multiple issues for several

offices and political subdivisions.

In closing, our current system provides necessary structure, accountability, and revenue stability. A five-year vehicle registration tag system would increase delinquency, worsen financial hardship for struggling taxpayers, reduce collections, increase outlawed taxes, and weaken the fiscal foundation of local political subdivisions across the state.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose five-year vehicle registration tags and to carefully consider the long-term implications such a policy would have on taxpayers and local governments alike.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Stokes

Hickory County Collector

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**Written Testimony in Opposition to Five-Year Vehicle Registration Tags
 Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Committee:**

Thanks for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony on this proposal. Respectfully, I submit this testimony in opposition to the concept of five-year vehicle tags in our state, based on my twenty plus years serving the citizens of Andrew County.

I offer this testimony in my capacity as the Andrew County Collector (just finished serving 19 years as such) and as Co-Legislative Chair of the Missouri County Collectors Association (MCCA). These comments are informed by both my firsthand experience administering Missouri's tax laws at the local level and the broader operational challenges reported by collectors statewide.

Missouri's current framework for vehicle registration and personal property taxation is built on consistent, recurring compliance mechanisms. While extended registration periods may be proposed for administrative convenience, implementing a five-year registration cycle would produce adverse practical consequences, particularly for taxpayers who struggle with compliance and for local governments that rely on these revenues to deliver essential services.

Most taxpayers already struggle with personal property taxes on a two-year cycle. A five-year compliance window would compound, not relieve, financial hardship by allowing taxes, penalties, and interest to accumulate into larger balances that are less likely to be paid voluntarily and more harmful to struggling taxpayers.

A five-year registration structure would likely increase long-term delinquency. Regular renewals act as reminders and accountability checkpoints; removing them reduces compliance and raises delinquency, harming both taxpayers and local government.

The financial impact on local political subdivisions is significant. Personal property taxes fund essential services, and these entities rely on annual revenue cycles. Delayed collections, higher delinquency, and lost revenue directly threaten service delivery and financial stability.

Missouri law also requires personal property taxes to be outlawed after five years of delinquency. A five-year registration cycle would push more accounts to this threshold, permanently eliminating revenue. Once outlawed, these taxes cannot be collected, resulting in irreversible losses for local governments.

This proposal also shifts financial risk away from the state and onto local governments. While the state may benefit from administrative simplicity, counties and local taxing districts would bear the burden of lost revenue, increased enforcement costs, and reduced collection efficiency. This represents an unfunded mandate imposed on local government entities already operating with limited resources.

Extended registration periods risk rewarding noncompliance, effectively shifting the burden to taxpayers who pay on time. Sound tax policy should promote timely compliance, not incentivize delay. Administratively, larger and longer-term delinquencies increase workload for county offices, diverting limited staff from customer service and proactive compliance efforts.

While fewer renewals may seem convenient to some, public policy must account for system-wide impacts. Missouri's current system provides needed accountability and revenue stability. A five-year registration system would increase delinquency, reduce collections, expand outlawed taxes, and weaken local government finances.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose five-year vehicle registration tags and consider the long-term consequences for taxpayers and local governments.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Opposition to HB1692, HB1695, HB 1938, HB 1983, HB 2036, HB 2662 and HB2743 –
**REPEAL AND/ OR CHANGES TO THE MISSOURI STATE MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY INSPECTION
PROGRAM**

Dear Honorable Representatives,

The Midwest Auto Care Alliance (MWACA) and its 530 plus Automotive Service and Repair business members are opposed to any legislation that would repeal, change or weaken the Missouri State Vehicle Safety Program.

The effectiveness of the program is well documented. The data confirms that states with Safety Inspection Programs show that the fatality due to mechanical failure is half compared to the states that do not require vehicle safety inspections.

Currently, safety inspections are not required for registration of a motor vehicle having less than 150,000 miles for the 10-year period following the model year of manufacture.

Did you know that 51 percent of Missouri’s fleet is 10 years old or older?

The average failure for a vehicle safety defect is 18 percent. This number increases with the age of vehicles. Vehicles 11-15 years old = 20.8 percent defective rate, vehicles age 16-20 = 25.4 percent defective rate.

The Missouri State Safety Inspection Program and GVIP Federally Mandated Emission Inspections are two separate inspections that are tied together.

Another element of the program includes the School Bus Safety Inspections that will not be funded without the Safety Inspection Program.

St. Louis, St. Charles, and Franklin Counties will **STILL BE REQUIRED** to obtain an Emissions Inspection.

Here are a couple things we have heard about the program from legislators in the past:

- It’s inconvenient. We do many things every day that are inconvenient. Once every two years is hardly inconvenient. Saving lives has now become inconvenient?

- People always get things repaired when there is a problem. They take care of what is needed. If you

watch while you are driving you will see vehicles with headlights, taillights and brake lights burned out on a consistent basis. This is a simple and obvious failure that goes unrepaired. How can you expect drivers to find serious defects under their car? If they did do what they are responsible for we wouldn't need laws for mandatory car insurance and mandatory seatbelt laws to name a few.

- Inspections don't make any difference in accidents. The MSHP report, The Carnegie Mellon University report and the 2017 University of Texas Study say different!

- Missouri State Highway Patrol Safety Inspection Study (Fatal Crash Analysis) is from 2010 the last page (15). Nationwide fatalities due to mechanical failure are 1 out of every 65.9 in states with no safety inspections. In Missouri it is 1 out of 130. That's almost twice as many in states with no inspections.

- From Carnegie Mellon University (2015).

- 1–2 fewer safety related fatalities per billion VMT in a state with versus without a safety inspection program. Based on this paper's model results, they find Pennsylvania benefits from between 127 and 187 fewer fatalities each year, as a result of the vehicle safety inspection program. Applying the value of a statistical life to these fatality avoidance's, this benefit of lives saved is then compared to user costs of the inspection program. The authors of the Cambridge paper conclude that in every case, the benefits outweigh the calculated program costs by at least \$100M, making the program worthwhile to continue to implement. Future work should include an in-depth analysis of current inspection program costs, including costs to both the user and the state, versus the program's benefits in reducing fatalities.

- 2017 University of Texas Study that was requested by the Texas Legislation. The findings from this study's analysis indicate that the Inspection Program saves lives and enhances safety. The CTR team strongly recommends the following:

- Retain the Inspection Program.

- Conduct a further study to consider whether potential additional inspection items, such as tire age and recall information, should be included in the Inspection Program to further enhance highway safety in Texas.

- Cars are so advanced today we don't need safety inspections. This is true from the collision aspect of newer vehicles but does not do anything for safety items such as steering and suspension, brakes and exhaust just to mention a few items.

- When I get my oil changed, they inspect my car. The inspection you receive from getting an oil change is not even in the same ballpark. Missouri's Safety Inspection is one of the most comprehensive in the industry, not a quick 30-point glance to see what you can find.

- There were 15 deaths (2018) due to mechanical failure with Biannual Safety Inspection program. What will it be without?

Here's what you are not hearing:

- School Bus Safety Inspections: (increased safety risk for children) If the Safety Inspection Program fades away so will the funding to perform the school bus inspections. How will these mandated inspections be funded? Put the burden on the school districts? It would also eliminate any administrative penalties (i.e. suspensions, revocations) for official "school bus inspection" stations for failing to conduct a proper school bus inspection that is required to be conducted by an "official inspection station" 60 days prior to the beginning of a school year. (307.375 RSMo)

- States without safety inspections have twice as many fatalities due to mechanical failure than Missouri does. This data does not include accidents that occurred with no injuries.

- Two million dollars of road funding will be lost. Two million of the 30 million collected from the program goes to the road fund. Is this wise with a crumbling infrastructure we keep hearing about?

- State Highway Patrol troopers will be pulled off the roads to do trailer ID/OD and school bus inspections. Fewer Troopers on the road patrolling.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like copies of the 3 studies.
Respectfully,

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Opposition to HB 2189

I oppose HB 2189 because it creates an unnecessary and unjustified preferential class for newer vehicles, despite clear evidence that modern vehicles are not inherently more reliable or lower-risk than older ones. In fact, many newer vehicles contain complex technology, software systems, and electronic components that have led to increased recalls, failures, and safety issues, not fewer. By offering a five-year registration option only to vehicles under a certain age, this bill assumes newer vehicles deserve regulatory leniency. That assumption is not supported by real-world experience. Older vehicles, often simpler and better understood by their owners, are just as capable of safe operation when properly maintained. HB 2189 rewards vehicle age, not safety, reliability, or owner responsibility.

This bill ultimately establishes a two-tier system that advantages owners of newer, often more expensive vehicles while offering no benefit to those who keep vehicles longer for economic or practical reasons. Rather than creating special classes, the state should pursue vehicle policies that are equitable, evidence-based, and focused on safety outcomes — not technological assumptions. For these reasons, I respectfully oppose HB 2189.



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Five – Year Vehicle Registration Tags

Testimony in Opposition

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to enacting five-year vehicle registration tags in Missouri. As a current County Collector of Revenue, I'd like to list a few brief reasons as to why:

- Many taxpayers come into the office and already have a difficult time remembering what vehicles they had titled in their names for the past two years, while struggling to keep taxes current with the two-year cycle. In return they end up paying more penalties & interest.
- Less predictable funds for the political subdivisions to operate on & harder to prepare their budgets.
- Creates more Personal Property taxes to be Outlawed.
- Many taxpayers only pay their taxes when their license tags are due. This creates higher tax bills with late penalties making it much harder to locate taxpayers, due to not being able to keep addresses and assessments current.
- In instead of creating and rewarding responsibility this would induce procrastination or avoidance of paying taxes when due.

I strongly feel the five-year gap would be confusing for the taxpayer, while costing them more in the long run.

Respectfully,

Shawn Schlottach
 Gasconade County Collector of Revenue



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**Written Testimony in Opposition to Five-Year Vehicle Registration Tags
Chairman, Vice-chairman and Members of the Committee:**

I offer this testimony in my capacity as the Jasper County Collector of Revenue and as a member of the Missouri County Collectors Association Legislative Committee. My comments stem from my experience and observations as a county Collector of Revenue. While a 5-year registration period may sound good and imply government efficiency...just the opposite would be the consequence of this legislation.

My office, on a daily basis, receives tax payments from taxpayers wanting to get their vehicle tags renewed. They often struggle to make the tax payments on an annual basis...a 5-year cycle would make this struggle unmanageable. Higher balances, more penalties and interest would result in few successful collections.

Personal Proper taxes fund road districts, schools, counties, cities...in short local government. By registering for 5 years, the cash flow of these entities would be negatively impacted. Shorter cycles help taxpayers stay current and strengthen the local government's cash flow.

For the above reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose the 5-year vehicle tag registration. Please carefully consider the long-term implications such policy would have on both taxpayers and government.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven E. McIntosh

Jasper County Collector of Revenue



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While Missouri Insurance Coalition is not testifying in opposition to the bill, there is a concern that without some type of vehicle inspection process, more unsafe vehicles will be allowed to operate on the road.



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