



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**I am in Support of this Bill and to Protect Residences, Places of Worship and Schools from intrusion and the smell of a Landfill. I agree with these Set-backs and Proposed Requirements.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ISRAEL BAEZA</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-620-0213</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>COUNTY OF PETTIS</b>		TITLE: <b>COMMISSIONER</b>	
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CITY: <b>SEDALIA</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65301</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>DERRICK STANDLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-420-3058</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>PRESIDIO ENVIRONMENTAL</b>		TITLE: <b>MANAGING PARTNER</b>
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CITY: <b>LAKE OZARK</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KORTNIE HUDDLESTION</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I stand in strong opposition to HB 2288, a bill that undermines local democracy, environmental justice, and public health from a progressive standpoint.

This legislation is a direct attack on local control. It strips counties of their right to establish protective zoning standards that reflect their unique communities and environmental needs. By imposing a one-size-fits-all, state-mandated ceiling on setback distances for solid waste facilities—preventing any requirements stricter than three miles from sensitive areas—the bill handcuffs local governments. This prioritizes the interests of waste management corporations over the will and welfare of residents.

Furthermore, HB 2288 dangerously weakens environmental and public health safeguards. Capping setbacks means landfills and waste disposal sites can be situated closer to homes, schools, places of worship, and parks than local experts deem safe. This disproportionately impacts low-income communities and communities of color, who are already burdened with a disproportionate share of environmental hazards. It risks exposing residents—especially children—to increased pollution, traffic, odor, and potential groundwater contamination.

True progress requires empowering communities to protect their health and environment, not usurping their authority to lower standards for industry benefit. This bill puts corporate convenience ahead of community well-being and environmental justice.

I urge the committee to defend local autonomy, public health, and frontline communities. Vote NO on HB 2288.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KYLLAN S WILSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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This place helps a lot of people in the community. I personally work for a non profit who is funded through Solid Waste Management. I work for a place called St. Louis Help. We recycle and reuse used or new medical Equipment and loan it to the community for free so they can reside at home or help take care of a loved one who could possibly be in their final phase of life and would like to spend at home where they belong. If you demolish this funder businesses like ours will shut down. I encourage you all to not vote on this as the saying goes. You destroy compassion and respect for your constitutional members. This is all over one of your fellow senators neighbors who is whining about something in his yard that's been there for hundreds of years such as radiation.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL DREYER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICK AND DIANE HOLTZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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My husband and I have both greatly benefitted from being able to borrow medical equipment of all kinds from STLHelps rather than having to buy it. Also it has been a great place to donate some very nice items the VA provided my husband and father so someone else is helped. We have more to donate when my husband is done with them but it is so fulfilling to know it helps/has helped someone who is already having significant medical expenses with lending durable equipment. We know from experience. It makes NO sense to fill our landfills with usable equipment. Also I understand STLHelps receives funding that would dissappear if this bill passes. Please carefully consider and vote against.



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ROCKNE MILLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-216-6506</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>TRAIL CONSULTING &amp; PRESIDIO ENVIRONMENTAL</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>714 HWY D</b>			
CITY: <b>OSAGE BEACH</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65065</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill isn't really about managing solid waste — it's about controlling who gets to say no, how far away "too close" is allowed to be, and who gets sued when people get sick or property values drop.

HB 2288 is a preemption bill disguised as local control, and it does so by statutorily capping public-health protections while insulating solid-waste siting decisions from meaningful judicial review.

Although the bill purports to authorize counties to regulate solid waste disposal, it immediately strips that authority by imposing rigid maximum setback limits and declaring—by legislative fiat—that such regulations "shall not constitute planning and zoning."

That declaration does not change the substance of what is being regulated.

Setbacks, land-use compatibility, and siting restrictions are zoning by function, regardless of how the legislature labels them.

Courts evaluate substance, not statutory disclaimers.

By capping setbacks and forbidding counties from responding to site-specific risks—such as groundwater vulnerability, prevailing wind patterns, population density, or cumulative environmental burden—HB 2288 preempts local fact-finding and replaces it with a one-size-fits-all mandate.

That approach undermines due process by preventing affected residents and local governments from meaningfully protecting health, safety, and property interests based on actual conditions.

Most concerning is the structural defect:

HB 2288 attempts to predetermine legal characterization and constrain judicial analysis by declaring that certain land-use regulations are not zoning, thereby seeking to shield landfill siting decisions from established standards of review.

The legislature may set policy, but it may not dictate how courts classify or review regulatory action.

The real violation is structural: the General Assembly is using statutory labels and hard caps to preempt local governance, suppress judicial scrutiny, and externalize environmental and property harms onto residents who have no effective remedy. HB 2288 should be rejected.

**Footnote**

**State ex rel. St. Louis County v. City of Manchester, 360 S.W.3d 1 (Mo. 2012).**

**(Missouri courts evaluate land-use regulation based on substance and effect, not legislative labels; the General Assembly may not avoid judicial review by recharacterizing zoning functions by statute.)**