



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME: DAVID SAMUEL OVERFELT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6006	
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The Missouri Grocers Association and the Missouri Retailers Association support HB 2375.



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WITNESS NAME: HAMPTON WILLIAMS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-4241	
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WITNESS NAME: JARED HANKINSON		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW SMITH		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
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WITNESS NAME: PHILLIP ARZEN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-952-4373	
REPRESENTING: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES (NAMIC)		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: RICH AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-616-1845	
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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN REHAGEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-7166	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: ATTORNEY	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-4601	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES/MAC TRUST		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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WITNESS NAME: TORI MERCADO		PHONE NUMBER: 417-450-6764	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SPRINGFIELD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS MANAGER	
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Dear Chairman Diehl and members of the House Committee on Insurance:

On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 2375 sponsored by Representative Christ.

House Bill 2375 provides important clarifications to Missouri’s workers’ compensation system, ensuring greater consistency in how claims and related medical treatments are evaluated. By aligning the standard used to determine whether an injury is compensable with the standard used to determine whether specific medical treatment is covered, this legislation strengthens the integrity and predictability of the system.

Under this bill, a work-related injury must be the prevailing factor causing the need for medical treatment in order for that treatment to be covered under workers’ compensation. This critical clarification helps ensure that Missouri’s workers’ compensation system remains fair and predictable while preventing unnecessary claims that drive up costs for employers. Establishing a consistent standard for determining both claims and medical treatment coverage creates greater certainty for businesses while maintaining appropriate protections for injured workers.

Missouri businesses rely on a well-balanced workers’ compensation system that provides necessary benefits to employees without imposing unnecessary cost burdens on employers. The Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce supports efforts to enhance clarity and fairness within the system, and we encourage your support of House Bill 2375 to help maintain a stable and sustainable framework for both employers and employees.

Sincerely,

Matt Morrow

President

Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am Opposed to Bill as it unfairly favors Employers and Corporations over the worker in consider on Benefits Assignment of the State Worker Compensation Program. This Bill is being highly pushed by Special-Interest and many elements of the Bill stink and are bad for Missouri Employees. Defeat this Bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JACOB HUMMEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2115
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Honorable Representatives of the Committee,

The Missouri AFL-CIO, the voice for working Missourians, respectfully opposes House Bill 2375. This bill creates several disadvantages for labor and injured workers by raising the burden of proof required to qualify for workers' compensation benefits. Workers must now show that a workplace accident was the prevailing factor not only in causing the injury, but also the resulting medical condition, disability, and the need for treatment, making claims harder to prove and easier for employers to dispute. By requiring the prevailing factor standard to be met before medical treatment is authorized, injured employees may face delays or denials of care while causation is contested. The bill also allows consideration of other insurance or benefit sources when determining compensation, which could reduce workers' compensation awards even when injuries are job-related. Additionally, employers are given expanded authority to seek early dismissal of claims on procedural or employment-related grounds, potentially preventing workers from reaching a full hearing on the merits of their case. The repeal of penalties for unpaid temporary or partial awards removes an important enforcement mechanism, weakening incentives for timely payment and increasing financial strain on injured workers during recovery. The Missouri AFL-CIO respectfully urges a "No" vote on House Bill 2375.

Jacob Hummel
President
Missouri AFL-CIO



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WITNESS NAME: RANDY ALBERHASKY		PHONE NUMBER: 417-865-4444	
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