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January 20, 2026

Chairman Bob Bromley  
 House Utilities Committee  
 Missouri House of Representatives  
 201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 401-A  
 Jefferson City MO 65101

Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill 2382 eliminates a sales tax on gas, wood, coal, and oil for domestic heating use, providing a small monetary benefit to consumers who are exercising their independence by heating their homes off the corporate or co-op grids. While reducing household energy costs is an important goal, this bill restricts individual freedoms by favoring some heating sources while excluding others. If the goal of this bill is to eliminate a financial burden for those seeking to use alternative, independent means to heat their homes, then those choosing to use solar panels to reach the same end should receive the same benefit. By failing to include rooftop solar panels in the sales tax exemption, the bill discourages free market competition and unfairly skews consumers towards a select number of fuel sources.

From an environmental perspective, gas, wood, coal, and oil are all non-renewable energy sources that release carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere. Coal and oil in particular are limited resources that must be imported to the state, and will only become more expensive on the whole over time as a result. Additionally, using these energy sources harms our overall health by trapping heat in the atmosphere. Solar energy paired with battery storage, on the other hand, is and always will be a reliable and renewable energy source that does not release greenhouse gasses. Furthermore, expanding domestic rooftop solar energy has the added benefit of stabilizing energy grids and reducing peak demand, therefore increasing reliability for all. For these reasons, MCE urges the committee to vote "no" on HB 2382, unless an amendment is made to also exempt rooftop solar panels from sales taxes.

Sincerely,

Melissa Vatterott  
 Director of Policy and Strategy

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The moneys collected from the sales taxes eliminated by this bill are used offset expenses for the City of St. Peters non-profit municipal water company. If these sales taxes are eliminated as this bill proposes, the costs would have to be made up likely shifting costs to all the residents of St. Peters rather than the larger commercial and industrial users the current tax is paid by. Municipal water systems are not for profit entities and will have to cover their expenses if this tax is eliminated.



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The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis is opposed to HB 2382. Currently there are over 200 exemption from sales tax in the state. This bill would contribute to the erosion of municipal revenues, which are needed to provide vital services.



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**HB 2382 undermines local fiscal stability while offering no durable benefit to Missouri families.**

**By preempting locally enacted utility sales taxes—many of which were voter-approved—this bill disrupts the constitutional principle of local self-governance and injects uncertainty into municipal and hospital district budgeting.**

**Essential services such as water, electricity, and heating are not discretionary goods; they are basic necessities, and any tax policy affecting them should be predictable, transparent, and decided closest to the people who bear the cost.**

**A temporary repeal followed by automatic nullification of local ordinances risks fiscal whiplash for communities already balancing public safety, infrastructure, and health services, while providing only short-term relief without long-term planning.**

**For these reasons, HB 2382 should not advance.**



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