



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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| WITNESS NAME | | |
| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
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I am in Full Support of this Bill. Utility Cooper Theft must come to a halt by making this Crime a Felony and have huge Penalties.



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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: DOUG GALLOWAY | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-3112 | |
| REPRESENTING: AT&T | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: 227 JEFFERSON | | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65101 |
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| WITNESS NAME: HEIDI SUTHERLAND | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| REPRESENTING: MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | | TITLE: |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: LAURA HOLLOWAY | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-9134 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE | | TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | |
| ADDRESS: 1727 SOUTHRIDGE | | | |
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| WITNESS NAME: MIKE SUTHERLAND | | PHONE NUMBER: 636-297-5577 |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: 2722 EAST MCCARTY ST. | | |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: PAT KELLY | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-726-4747 | |
| REPRESENTING: MUNICIPAL LEAGUE METRO STL | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: 11911 DORSETT RD. | | | |
| CITY: MARYLAND HEIGHTS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63043 |
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| WITNESS NAME: PATRICK FUCIK | | PHONE NUMBER: 913-687-5548 | |
| REPRESENTING: T-MOBILE | | TITLE: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS | |
| ADDRESS: 6204 BRIDLE BEND DRIVE | | | |
| CITY: COLUMBIA | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65201 |
| EMAIL: patrick.r.fucik@t-mobile.com | ATTENDANCE: In-Person | SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2026 10:02 PM | |
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T-Mobile supports HB 2383 and encourages its passage.



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| WITNESS NAME: TRENT WATSON | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-606-0141 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES | | TITLE: LOGGYIST | |
| ADDRESS: PO BOX 2221 | | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65102 |
| EMAIL: Trent@trentwatson.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 3:16 PM | |

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In support of protecting out critical infrastructure.



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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: W. SCOTT SWAIN | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-8138 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI POLICE CHIEFS LEGISLATIVE COALITION, VERIZON | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: 104 CLAY STREET | | | |
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| WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM GAMBLE | | PHONE NUMBER: 634-4876 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI BROADBAND PROVIDERS | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 1865 | | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65102 |
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| WITNESS NAME: ZACH MONROE | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-508-2467 |
| REPRESENTING: AMEREN MISSOURI | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: 101 MADISON ST | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO |
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| EMAIL: zmonroe@ameren.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/28/2026 8:47 AM |
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| WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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The penalty structure is excessively harsh and class-based. Elevating offenses to felonies for damage—including based solely on the value of property, not human safety—and mandating lengthy community service will disproportionately impact poor communities and activists, fueling the prison-industrial complex. The creation of a new felony for “unauthorized possession” of common materials like copper or aluminum will further criminalize poverty, potentially targeting scrap collectors and homeless individuals for survival acts.

This bill prioritizes corporate property over people, our climate, and the right to dissent. It seeks to insulate polluting industries from accountability by threatening protesters with life-altering felony records. We should be protecting our communities and planet, not enacting draconian penalties that shield destructive industries from public scrutiny.

I urge you to reject this punitive and anti-democratic legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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HB 2383 is not narrowly tailored public safety legislation.

It is an overbroad expansion of criminal liability that collapses intent, protest, possession, and proximity into a single punitive framework—then calls it “infrastructure protection.”

By redefining “critical infrastructure” so expansively that it sweeps in broadband networks, telecommunications lines, and vaguely marked facilities, this bill invites selective enforcement while pretending neutrality. Trespass already exists in statute. Damage already exists in statute. Theft already exists in statute. What this bill adds is severity without precision.

Most troubling is the creation of status-based criminality through “unauthorized possession,” shifting the burden onto ordinary people—contractors, salvagers, workers, or residents—to affirmatively prove authorization, documentation, and intent after the fact. That is not enforcement; it is presumption.

Public safety does not require legislators to criminalize ambiguity. It requires clarity, restraint, and respect for constitutional boundaries.

HB 2383 offers none of the above.

Missouri should protect infrastructure without criminalizing proximity, possession, or participation.

Laws that expand criminal liability by redefining ordinary conduct as inherently suspect—without clear mens rea or narrow scope—are precisely the kind of statutes courts scrutinize for overbreadth, vagueness, and chilling effect on constitutionally protected activity.

Write better laws. This one is beneath the job.

-Rev. Sarah M. Berry