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We strongly support HB 2468 because it promotes fairness and accountability in Missouri's public assistance programs. By requiring strict verification of citizenship and immigration status, this bill ensures that limited state resources are reserved for individuals who are lawfully entitled to them. Many hardworking Missourians depend on programs like SNAP and MO HealthNet, and these benefits should be protected for those who follow the rules. HB 2468 helps maintain public trust by preventing abuse and ensuring compliance with federal law. I urge you to pass this important legislation to safeguard state resources and uphold the integrity of our assistance programs.



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HB 2468 ensures that only United States citizens, nationals, and certain qualified or eligible aliens can receive public benefits such as SNAP (food assistance) and MO HealthNet (medical assistance). They establish strict verification procedures for citizenship and immigration status to prevent individuals unlawfully present in the U.S. from accessing these taxpayer-funded programs. This safeguards program integrity, preserves limited state resources, and aligns with federal laws on eligibility. Public benefits should prioritize American citizens and legal residents—not illegals who should not receive taxpayer-funded assistance.

Commonsense reforms promote accountability, protect Missouri's budget, and ensure assistance goes where it's intended: to help eligible American citizens and families in genuine need.



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Another duplicate bill using ballot candy to trick voters and waste tax dollars for protections that are already in place by 208.009 of Rsmo and the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements Program. This is to punish and restrict non profits who help those in need including children. Children should not be made to suffer because the government prejudice.



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I am writing to register my strong opposition to House Bill 2468. These bills represent a cruel and counterproductive attack on our most vulnerable residents. They would create needless barriers to food and healthcare, punish families, and ultimately cost our state more than they would save.

HB 2468 is a solution in search of a problem. It adds redundant layers of bureaucracy to the administration of SNAP and MO HealthNet. The bill requires unnecessary documentary proof of citizenship for every applicant, mandates use of the SAVE verification system at every redetermination, and even forbids agencies from accepting electronic database matches as proof of identity. This is not about preventing fraud. It is about creating so much red tape that eligible Missourians, including citizen children and working families, will be denied benefits not because they are ineligible, but because they got lost in the paperwork.

The bill singles out mixed-status families for punishment. It forces the state to count the income of an ineligible parent against their citizen children, even going beyond federal rules to ban the option of prorating that income. This is a direct attack on the 90,000 citizen children in Missouri who live with at least one non-citizen family member. These children are U.S. citizens. They should not be denied food because of their parents' immigration status.

These bills operate from a false premise that our public benefits systems are overrun with ineligible immigrants. In reality, federal law already strictly limits immigrant eligibility for these programs. These bills do not close a loophole. They build a wall of paperwork and bureaucracy that will hurt U.S. citizen children, the elderly, and people with disabilities who need help the most. The only thing these bills will accomplish is to increase administrative costs, deny food to hungry kids, and push more families into deeper poverty.

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HB 2468 presents significant constitutional and federal compliance concerns.

1. Federal Preemption (SNAP & Medicaid).

Both SNAP (7 U.S.C. §2011 et seq.) and Medicaid/MO HealthNet (42 U.S.C. §1396 et seq.) are federally structured programs with mandatory and optional eligibility categories defined by Congress. While states administer these programs, they may not impose eligibility conditions or verification mechanisms inconsistent with federal law. Mandating income-counting rules that override federal regulatory options (7 C.F.R. §273.11(c)(3)) and conditioning presumptive Medicaid eligibility on state-imposed certification requirements risks conflict preemption.

2. Procedural Due Process (Fourteenth Amendment).

The bill requires immediate suspension or termination of benefits if lawful presence cannot be verified, including when verification systems are inconclusive. Public assistance benefits constitute a protected property interest. Automatic suspension without adequate pre-deprivation notice and meaningful opportunity to contest exposes the state to foreseeable due process litigation.

3. Unlawful Delay of Presumptive Eligibility (Medicaid).

Federal Medicaid law permits presumptive eligibility to ensure prompt access to care. Conditioning approval on state-level citizenship certification requirements beyond federal standards risks unlawful delay of federally required medical access.

4. Arbitrary Household Impact.

Requiring full inclusion of income from ineligible household members while denying their participation may reduce benefits to eligible citizens, including children, raising equal protection and administrative law concerns.

HB 2468 creates litigation risk without clear constitutional necessity. For these reasons, I respectfully urge a Do Not Pass vote.



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