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WITNESS NAME: <b>AIMEE ROBERTSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMANDA KNITTEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in support of this for the safety of our kiddos and to help educate parents who may not be able to find this information or even know it exists.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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**I am in Support of this Bill to provide Information, Inspections Reports and Disclosures.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHERI CROCKETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support this bill because it will provide greater transparency of childcare provider ratings to parents seeking a safe, clean place in which to entrust their children's care.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISTINE HYMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support HB 2506 because it promotes transparency, accountability, and informed decision-making for families seeking child care. Parents entrust licensed child care facilities with the safety and well-being of their children every day, and they deserve clear and easy access to information about how those facilities are operating.

This bill creates a practical and modern solution by requiring the Office of Childhood to develop placards with a QR code linking directly to a facility’s inspection reports and complaint investigations. With one simple scan, parents can quickly see important information that may affect their child’s care. In today’s digital age, providing this kind of accessible information is a common-sense way to help families make informed choices.

Just as importantly, the bill ensures that complaint investigations are clearly differentiated from routine inspection reports and appear in search results in a timely manner. That distinction helps parents understand the context of what they are reading rather than sorting through complex reports on their own. Requiring the placard to be posted in a visible location at the entrance ensures transparency without placing an unreasonable burden on providers.

The three-year removal period also strikes a fair balance. It allows families to see recent and relevant information about a facility while ensuring that older reports do not permanently follow providers that have corrected issues and improved their operations.

Strong child care systems rely on both trust and accountability. HB 2506 supports responsible providers who meet standards while giving parents the tools they need to evaluate care options confidently. By increasing transparency in a straightforward and user-friendly way, this bill helps protect children and empowers families across Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CYNTHIA BERNE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I support full transparency in child care centers.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAWN MARIE POWER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Daycares are charged with the care of Missouri's most precious cargo. Our kids and grandkids. The policy proposed in HB 2506 is not only common sense but would give busy parents/grandparents peace of mind that they are leaving their children in safe hands while they work. Safety ratings of these facilities should be easily accessible for everyone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DEVIN DORSEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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**As a Saint Charles county parent to young children I'm in favor of making this information fully transparent and accessible for all. This is an important step towards keeping our children safer.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DON CROZIER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 2506 will be a huge help to Missourians who use daycare facilities. It will provide easy access to a website which will allow families to see their daycare's licensing and inspections. This bill requires daycares to post a QR code going directly to that page so families can easily access it. It does NOT change how inspections are completed or reported nor does it allow anyone to make frivolous complaints.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>EMILY REVELLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am in support of helping families keep their children safe by helping them find needed information.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNA GOODWIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**Summer camps need to have safety regulations.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER MELCHERT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**It is so incredibly important that parents can easily access information about the safety of the childcare center their child attends. I fully support this bill, which would require facilities to post this information for parents to easily access.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KRISTEN ROBINSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Childcare facility inspections and reports are not easy to obtain, many parents don't know how. This bill proposes a simple way to make the information easily accessible and help parents make educated decisions on where to send their children for child care**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LATONYA THOMAS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of this Bill because it helps parents to make a more informed decision before placing their children in the care of a child care facility.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TORI WALTZ, M.S., CCC-SLP</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a therapist/provider of early intervention services through the MO First Steps Program, I fully support this bill as the safety and care of our children should be a top concern for all of us, not just parents. I can't tell you how many horror stories I've heard from daycare staff of children making it into the classroom unattended or outside without the staff knowing until minutes later, staff yelling at a child within six inches of their face, toddlers being lifted by one arm off the ground, etc. This is being hidden from parents currently in daycares and from those looking for a quality daycare. Wouldn't you want to know if it was your child?



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**HB 2506 requires licensed child-care facilities to display a state-issued placard at the entrance directing the public to complaint investigations and inspection reports through a QR code maintained by the state.**

**While transparency in child-care oversight is an important policy goal, the mechanism proposed in this bill raises serious constitutional concerns under both the First and Fourteenth Amendments.**

**1. Compelled Speech Concerns**

**HB 2506 requires private license holders to display a state-authored communication linking directly to government-curated complaint information. Mandating that private actors publicly disseminate government messaging raises potential compelled speech concerns under the First Amendment, particularly where the communication involves reputationally harmful allegations rather than purely factual disclosures related to health or safety warnings.**

**Courts have recognized limits on the government’s ability to compel private parties to convey state messages, particularly when those messages extend beyond neutral, factual disclosures.<sup>1</sup>**

**2. Procedural Due Process Concerns**

**The bill requires the public display of complaint investigations for a period of three years, yet it does not require clear differentiation between:**

- substantiated violations,**
- pending investigations, or**
- unsubstantiated allegations.**

**When the state mandates public dissemination of investigative material that may not be final or adjudicated, it raises potential procedural due process concerns where government action may damage the reputation and economic interests of a licensed provider without adequate procedural safeguards.<sup>2</sup>**

**3. Absence of Administrative Safeguards**

**HB 2506 contains no statutory requirement that: complaint findings be final before publication,**

facilities be provided a clear administrative appeal process prior to mandatory display, or contextual information accompany the records to prevent misleading impressions.

Without these safeguards, the statute risks creating a state-mandated reputational sanction system that operates outside the normal procedural protections typically required before the state imposes penalties affecting a licensed business.

Transparency is a legitimate legislative objective. However, statutes designed to increase transparency must be structured carefully to avoid compelled speech violations and procedural due process concerns.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to vote Do Not Pass on HB 2506 unless the bill is amended to include adequate constitutional safeguards.

**Footnotes:**

**National Institute of Family and Life Advocates v. Becerra, 585 U.S. 755 (2018) (holding that compelled disclosures imposed on private entities may violate the First Amendment when they extend beyond purely factual and uncontroversial information).**

**Paul v. Davis, 424 U.S. 693 (1976); see also Wisconsin v. Constantineau, 400 U.S. 433 (1971) (recognizing due process concerns when government action publicly stigmatizes individuals in a manner affecting legal or economic interests).**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PERRY GORRELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY &amp; SECONDARY EDUCATION</b>		TITLE: <b>CHIEF OF GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS</b>	
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