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On behalf of our organization, we express strong support for HB 2547. This legislation is vital to upholding the privacy and property rights of all Missourians, reaffirming the protections provided by both our state and federal constitutions. By mandating that state and local government employees obtain written consent from landowners or secure a search warrant before installing surveillance cameras on private property, the bill provides essential safeguards against unwarranted governmental intrusion. HB 2547 empowers landowners across Missouri to retain control over their property and protects them from potential abuses of surveillance powers.

Additionally, HB 2547 establishes clear and consistent standards for law enforcement agencies, promoting transparency and accountability throughout our state. By reinforcing the importance of civil liberties and personal security, this legislation helps bolster public trust in government institutions and ensures that privacy remains a fundamental right for all Missourians. We urge lawmakers to support the passage of HB 2547 and stand with us in protecting the constitutional rights of our citizens.



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Opposition to HB 2547

I agree with the core principle underlying HB 2547: the rights of landowners must come first. Surveillance placed on private property without consent should be the exception, not the rule, and judicial oversight is essential when consent is absent. Informal administrative approvals are not a substitute for constitutional protections, and landowners should not be sidelined in decisions affecting their property.

However, HB 2547 is drafted too bluntly to responsibly achieve that goal. By eliminating an existing, narrowly limited exception without replacing it with clear guardrails, the bill creates a rigid all-or-nothing framework that fails to account for real-world conditions such as easements, public-access corridors, disputed boundaries, or investigations involving harm that extends beyond a single parcel. Strong property rights require precision, not oversimplification.

If the General Assembly wishes to strengthen landowner protections, it should do so with carefully defined standards: notice requirements, time limits, documentation, auditability, and penalties for misuse. HB 2547 recognizes the correct principle but implements it poorly. For these reasons, I respectfully oppose the bill as written and urge the committee to pursue a more carefully constructed, rights-centered alternative.



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