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I urge you to reject this bill. It does not eliminate criminal profiteering. It strips away legal protections for everyday people while shielding negligent property owners and discriminating against immigrants.

First, the bill bars anyone who engaged in “wrongful conduct” (including an unproven misdemeanor) from recovering any damages for negligence. This punishes crime victims for their past actions, even if unrelated to the harm they suffered. A person who made a mistake should not lose the right to hold a negligent landlord or security company accountable for a violent attack.

Second, the provision on unauthorized aliens in auto accidents is blatantly discriminatory. It denies general damages and lost wages to injured drivers based solely on immigration status. This creates a two tiered justice system where undocumented workers can be severely hurt by a negligent driver yet receive no compensation for pain, suffering, or lost income. It also forces plaintiffs to prove citizenship status just to access basic remedies.

Third, the negligent security section eviscerates property owner responsibility. Owners owe no duty to protect invitees from third party crime unless they had actual knowledge of a nearly identical incident on the premises within the past year. This standard is impossibly narrow. It ignores well known patterns of violence and lets owners remain willfully blind. A presumption of reasonable care simply for hiring a security contractor or following generic guidelines is unjust. The bill also presumes any person on premises after hours is a trespasser, punishing workers, tenants, or anyone in need.

Finally, the mandatory fault apportionment forces juries to blame crime victims, the government, and others, with a presumption of unreasonableness if “wrongful conduct” parties receive less than half the fault. This coerces unfair outcomes and invites endless retrials.

This bill prioritizes corporate landlords and insurance companies over the safety and dignity of Missourians. It will discourage victims from seeking justice and leave vulnerable people without recourse. I oppose it entirely.



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Oppose



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This bill is presented as a limitation on “criminal profiteering,” but its actual effect is a broad restructuring of negligence law that significantly reduces liability and restricts access to recovery.

First, the bill creates a categorical bar on recovery for any person alleged to have been engaged in “wrongful conduct,” defined broadly to include any violation of law regardless of whether it results in a charge or conviction. This shifts the focus away from the defendant’s negligence and onto the plaintiff’s alleged behavior, even in situations where the defendant’s conduct contributed to the harm.

Second, the bill introduces immigration status as a condition for recovery in automobile negligence claims. A plaintiff deemed to be an unauthorized alien is prohibited from recovering general damages and lost wages and must affirmatively prove lawful status to access those categories of damages. This imposes an additional evidentiary burden unrelated to fault or causation.

Third, the bill substantially limits negligent security claims. Property owners owe no duty to protect individuals from third-party criminal conduct unless they have actual knowledge of prior substantially similar incidents within the preceding year. This replaces a broader foreseeability standard with a narrow, documented-incident requirement, significantly reducing when a duty arises.

Even where such knowledge exists, the bill creates presumptions of reasonable care based on minimal actions such as contacting law enforcement, following general guidelines, or hiring a security contractor. These presumptions operate as liability shields even when risks remain.

The bill also eliminates claims for trespassers and for individuals deemed to be engaging in wrongful conduct while on the premises, regardless of the surrounding circumstances, and mandates fault allocation across all actors, including nonparties and governmental entities.

It further imposes structural pressure on fact-finders by requiring fault to be heavily assigned to those engaged in wrongful conduct or risk retrieval.

Taken together, these provisions narrow duty, expand defenses, shift burdens onto plaintiffs, and restrict recovery across multiple categories of negligence claims.

Legislative Notice:

Let the record reflect the following:

This bill introduces classifications that condition access to civil remedies based on alleged conduct without conviction and on immigration status. It alters traditional duty and liability standards in a manner that may implicate constitutional protections, including due process and equal protection concerns under both the United States Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.

Additionally, by limiting recovery and imposing heightened burdens unrelated to fault, the bill raises potential concerns regarding access to courts and the right to seek redress for injuries.

The combined effect of these provisions creates a framework that may be subject to constitutional challenge and judicial scrutiny.

For these reasons, I stand in opposition.