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I am writing today to express our strong support for House Bill 2668, a thoughtful and comprehensive measure to provide greater fairness and clarity in Missouri’s property tax system. The challenges faced by local governments, property owners, and taxpayers require a tax framework that is not only equitable but also transparent and easy to understand. HB 2668 achieves this by clarifying property classifications, standardizing assessment procedures, and ensuring that local tax incentives do not inadvertently shift financial burdens onto other taxpayers.

One of the most important aspects of this bill is its clear guidance to assessors on how to classify and appraise properties, including multi-use buildings and vacant land. Establishing uniform standards across counties will reduce confusion and disputes, while ensuring that similar properties are treated consistently throughout Missouri. Additionally, by providing set definitions and procedures, the bill protects both property owners and local government agencies by fostering predictability and fairness in assessments.

Moreover, HB 2668 takes important steps to ensure that tax abatement and incentive programs are administered equitably. By requiring municipalities to adjust their tax rates so that unaffected taxpayers do not shoulder additional liabilities, the bill closes an often-overlooked loophole. This guarantees that economic development tools remain targeted, effective, and transparent—without compromising public confidence in the property tax system or inadvertently raising taxes on residents outside of designated zones.

Finally, the bill’s provisions for greater public notice and input whenever local tax rates or abatements are considered underscore its commitment to transparency and democratic engagement. We believe that HB 2668 is a well-balanced step forward and encourage its swift passage to help build a property tax system that works for all Missourians. Thank you for your consideration.



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Please advance this bill out of committee. We went through the process of fighting our real estate tax bill 2 years ago in Saint Louis County. Unfortunately we had to appeal to the Jefferson City board of equalization as our local agent reduced our assessment 8k on a 700000 evaluation. Then lowered it to 5k off the original assessment when we tried to provide further evidence as to why we believed it was worth 100k less. It's no longer an objective ruling if the county employee raises her assessment right after lowering it because she doesn't like that you were presenting your case. Completely surprised by it as I believed this to be a part of the hearing process. Fortunately the board came close to our perceived value upon appeal but the process shouldn't be so difficult. Another issue is that all of the comparables the county used were bigger with either more bathrooms or an extra garage space. Yet they wouldn't use the sale of a property 3 houses down because it didn't prop up the value. I have no issue paying the taxes as long as it's valued correctly. We've only appealed twice in the 20 years living in Saint Louis county so I ve seen some reasonable valuations.



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The school district intentionally adds tax increases to the ballot on low turn out special elections. Anything increasing funding should be required to have a certain number of voters input and therefore only allowed on regular elections.



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I support these common sense reforms that were provided to the committee during your state tour.
Residential rates for residential homes used for short term rentals keeps prices low to attract tourists.
I support demanding higher turnout elections for tax increase proposals.
I support stopping Property Tax abatements that are tax increases on surrounding residential home owners.



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This is not in the best interest of voters and tax payers.



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Concern: If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”).

Concern: Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume its a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and funding shouldn’t be limited by dirty politician tricks.



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I oppose this. Local school boards should decide when to put funding questions on a ballot.



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This will be detrimental to school funding.



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To the members of this committee:

I am a Missouri resident, taxpayer, and a parent of children in public school. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2668. If this bill passes, it will limit when local taxing authorities such as school, fire and library districts may go to the ballot for tax increases, levey transfers, or bond issues to only general elections. If districts can only put property taxes on general elections ballots, which only happen every other year, emergency or urgent funding would have to wait, which is a huge disservice to our communities. As a member of my school district board, I am keenly aware of the fiscal responsibility and fiduciary duty I have to our schools and to our voters. Local board should be able to decide when to put the issue on the ballot to avoid potentially disastrous budget problem and service interruptions in schools, public safety, and infrastructure. Our schools and our public services work better when we can make decisions at the local level. Please vote NO on HB 2668.



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This is not good for education.



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Testimony in Opposition to HB 2668

I oppose HB 2668 as a parent with children in the Rockwood School District. Our schools, teachers, and students depend on the ability to respond to real needs when they arise, not only during a general election every few years.

Limiting when districts can ask voters for support takes away local control and reduces opportunities for citizens to weigh in. Emergencies, building needs, and staffing challenges don't wait for election calendars.

This bill also prevents districts from clearly explaining when a proposal does not raise taxes. Voters deserve honest, accurate information, not confusion.

Rockwood families value our public schools and the educators who serve our kids. HB 2668 makes it harder to support them. I urge you to vote no.



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I submit testimony in opposition to HB 2668 because it undermines accurate voter information and weakens the ability of local school districts to meet the needs of the community they serve.

Over the past several years, school districts such as Rockwood R-VI have lawfully placed propositions before voters using language that accurately, and very transparently reflected the fiscal impact of these propositions. In response to those outcomes, HB 2668 proposes restrictions that would prohibit commonly understood and factually correct descriptions, such as clarifying when a measure does NOT increase a tax rate.

HB 2668 does not improve transparency. It does the opposite. Forcing school districts to use language that emphasizes maximum tax authority rather than actual fiscal effect risks misleading voters who are not experts with actual experience in school finance. Voters deserve clarity, and it is very insulting to all residents of the Great State of Missouri when attempts are made to further reduce the clarity needed for voters to make informed voting decisions, regardless of specific political viewpoints.

Limiting when local entities can place measures on the ballot also reduces local, community control over decisions that should be made by the community that they affect. HB 2668 would have negative effects on our kids' education, our tax dollars, and more. Delaying important votes would have tangible consequences for students, staff, and entire communities. Including a potential negative impact on personal property values.

State laws should be written to promote informed consent, and not to discourage participation or punish lawful local decisions.

HB 2668 takes more decisions away from local communities, and has zero positive impact for anyone.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 2668.



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Limiting property tax measures to general elections reduces voter choice and delays critical funding decisions. Communities could be forced to wait years to address urgent needs, risking budget shortfalls and interruptions to schools, public safety, and infrastructure. Any minimal cost savings from election consolidation do not outweigh the loss of local control.

This bill also prohibits accurate language such as “no tax increase,” even when a proposal does not raise taxes. Levy transfers and most bond issues do not increase tax rates, and banning truthful descriptions will mislead voters and make it harder to pass necessary infrastructure funding. Voters deserve clear, honest information, and local boards must retain the ability to respond to community needs in a timely and transparent way.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,
I respectfully submit testimony in opposition to HB 2668.
While I recognize the intent to address frustration with Missouri’s property tax system, HB 2668 risks creating new inequities, instability, and unintended consequences without resolving the core problems taxpayers are experiencing today.
First, HB 2668 risks shifting—not reducing—tax burdens.
Broad changes to property tax structure often result in costs being redistributed rather than lowered. Homeowners in fast-growing or already high-assessment areas may see higher effective taxes, even if overall collections appear neutral. This creates winners and losers without meaningful relief for most Missourians.
Second, the bill threatens funding stability for essential local services.
Property taxes are the primary, predictable revenue source for schools, fire districts, libraries, and counties. Changes that weaken or complicate this system risk service cuts or future tax increases to compensate—especially in rural and lower-income areas with limited alternatives.
Third, HB 2668 does not address the real problem: assessments.
Missourians are angry because of sudden, opaque, and inconsistent assessments, not because the tax framework itself is inherently flawed. Any reform that does not first fix assessment practices, transparency, appeal timelines, and assessor accountability fails to solve the problem people are actually facing.
Fourth, the bill introduces uncertainty and confusion for taxpayers.
Taxpayers deserve clarity and predictability. HB 2668 lacks sufficient detail on implementation, transition periods, and long-term impacts on individual households. Unclear reform undermines trust and makes financial planning harder for families, seniors, and small businesses.
Finally, existing protections may be weakened indirectly.
Programs such as senior tax freezes and homestead protections depend on stable definitions and valuation methods. Structural changes—even if unintended—can erode these safeguards and expose vulnerable populations to higher costs.
Conclusion
Missourians want fairness, transparency, and relief from assessment shock—not a reshuffling of the burden. Until the legislature directly addresses assessment practices, improves appeals, and ensures true taxpayer protections, HB 2668 is premature and potentially harmful.
For these reasons, I urge the committee to oppose HB 2668 and instead pursue targeted reforms that fix assessment transparency, accountability, and predictability.
Thank you for your time and consideration.



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WITNESS NAME		
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WITNESS NAME: CAROLINE PODGORNIK		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE HOLMES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: CHELSEA RAICHE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”). Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume its a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and funding shouldn’t be limited by dirty politician tricks.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: CHERYL METZLER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I oppose this action.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: CHRIS BLANNER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I oppose limiting tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle and prohibiting taxing authorities from describing a proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal. Ben Keathley's HB2668 puts our schools and communities at a disadvantage and is not in the general public's best interest.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE LINDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE OSTROWSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I believe that school districts and other entities should be able to put tax issues in other elections or special elections at any time.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY COX		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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This limits voters opportunity to vote on tax issues that matter to them and their community.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: CHRISTY HEFELE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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This would be a detriment to Missouri students and needs to be rejected! Voters will incorrectly assume its a tax increase when it is not. This bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much-needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and dirty politician tricks shouldn't limit funding.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRLSEA CRUSINBERRY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I am opposed to this.



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WITNESS NAME: COLLEEN TEPEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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We value our public services and schools, that's why I and firmly against this bill. Keathley likes to make Missourians suffer and make this state even crappier than it is. Shame on Ben Keathley!!



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CURTIS R BRENNECKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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HB 2668 lacks sufficient clarity on its long-term impact and could result in uneven taxation across counties. Property tax changes should be equitable, predictable, and constitutionally sound



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DANIEL MONEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This is anti-education and bad for our communities.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIELLE BERGES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I oppose limiting when taxation issues can be placed on ballots. I oppose not allowing specific tax issue language when promoting tax issue on a ballot.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIELLE MEERT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: DAVID BUBENIK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I don't understand why these changes are being proposed. It's just going to make it more difficult for schools to get funding. If you're against funding schools, you should just write a bill that removes funding from schools instead of this nonsense.



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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: DAVID MCCRACKEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-735-7570	
REPRESENTING: LEADING EDGE MISSOURI		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 612 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: DAWN HUMES		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I'm not in favor of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH MORSE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Rockwood School District is one of the premier school systems in Missouri. In order to deliver a quality education to its students the district needs to be able to propose tax and bond issues to pay for salaries, facilities, equipment and books as they are needed. Mr. Keathley's proposal hampers that ability.



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WITNESS NAME: DELLA THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Limiting my rights to participate in governance of the school district is antithetical to my rights as a citizen. Please vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANA NIEZING KING		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I would not vote for anything which works against our school district. Those who don't care for this education can easily choose to live elsewhere.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DIANE HASELHORST		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ELLA EDWARDS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ELLEN M GOUGH		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am against HB 2668. In my community, this bill would interfere with repairing infrastructure.



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WITNESS NAME: ELYSE POWELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: EMILY EWALD		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am a public school educator and I oppose this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: EMMALINE J SOUTHERLAND		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose HB 2668 because of its limitations upon taxing and bond measures within my community.



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WITNESS NAME: EPHRAIM ZAMORA		PHONE NUMBER:
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Public institutions should not be hampered in seeking funding directly from voters



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WITNESS NAME: HANNAH JUERGEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: HANNAH TUCKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This is not in the best interest of our public schools, as Ben knows.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: HEATHER BARTEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: HEATHER MCKEE		PHONE NUMBER:
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This will harm education and the children of Missouri. Please do not allow this to happen to our citizens and families!



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I oppose measures that restrict tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle and that prohibit taxing authorities from accurately describing proposals as “no tax increase.” Ben Keathley’s HB 2668 places unnecessary constraints on schools and communities and fails to serve the broader public interest.



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This is bad for education. This will have negative impacts on learning and student outcomes.



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I really think Keathley has a personal vendetta against Rockwood.
If he's so against these the school district, he really needs to figure out a way to help this school district by only cutting their their ways to try to get more money. He is only hurting them and in return hurting the kids of Rockwood. These children are our future.



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This would not allow community agencies. Schools and other they're listed in the bill to be able to meet their needs in an emergency situation.. It also would not allow. Schools and other agencies listed. To provide. A way to get services and money to provide those services. In a timely manner for their stakeholders.



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This is not good for public education. Taxpayers should be allowed changes when necessary.



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In regard to HB2668, there are multiple aspects of the bill that are an issue with its passage. For the limitation of changes to property taxes being limited to the November general election, there is no reason for that restriction. The claim of voters not being as attentive during non-November elections is a straw man fallacy, as voters being interested in changes to their property taxes should be attentive at any elections where changes occur. The changes with the valuation of property to be representative by "true value in money" will likely de-value all properties within a political subdivision and reduce the amount of revenue flowing to that subdivision, without making that subdivision whole from the reduction in revenue. The change to reduce the levy floor for school districts from \$2.75 to \$1.50 to have those districts now be able to receive state aid will not counter-act the other provisions in this bill to reduce the revenue caused by the loss of value from properties. This is further problematic with the proposed property tax credit related to increases to taxpayer's eligible real property tax liability, which is another item to cause loss of revenue without making the political subdivision whole from the proposed loss. There have been multiple statements provided in public testimony to the committee to work closely with the committee doing the work on the foundation formula re-work, so that changes to the foundation formula are provided in lock-step with changes made to property taxes legislation. School districts are concerned with the ending of the state budget surplus by the end of FY27 will cause cuts in state funding and with the reductions proposed by changes to property tax legislation, they will be negatively impacted long-term from a funding perspective. Other political subdivisions are also concerned in the same manner and will likely be expressing their concerns as school districts would be. Radical changes to property tax legislation is not a prudent idea, without covering all aspects of the changes and making them in a more graduated manner.



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I am against this bill. Voters should be fully and clearly informed on everything they vote on. This bill would take away that ability.



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For the love of God, stop doing everything you can to hurt the education in this state.



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HB 2668 would restrict when taxing authorities—such as school districts, fire districts, and libraries—may place tax increases, levy transfers, or bond measures on the ballot, limiting them to general elections only. This would eliminate the use of primary and special elections for these measures. Restricting tax questions to general elections denies additional opportunities to voters each year to weigh in on local tax issues. Urgent or emergency funding needs may need to be addressed while waiting for the next general election, even if there is strong local support. This delay is compounded by the fact that tax rate hearings occur shortly before general elections. Any potential cost savings from consolidating elections are minimal and do not justify reducing local control. Local governing boards should retain the authority to choose election timing to prevent budget crises and disruptions to essential services such as education, public safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668 would also prohibit taxing authorities from advertising or describing a proposed property tax measure as a “no tax increase,” or using similar language. Levy transfers do not increase taxes by definition, and many bond measures also do not result in tax increases. Prohibiting accurate descriptions may mislead voters into believing that all such measures raise taxes. This restriction could make it significantly more difficult for taxing authorities to secure approval for bonds needed for infrastructure improvements or tax rate reclassifications. Voters should receive clear, accurate information about ballot measures so they can make informed decisions, and necessary funding should not be hindered by limitations on truthful communication.



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We The People have the right to vote on our local issues in a timely manner. Ben Keathley - Stop trying to fix things that aren't broken. What a colossal waste of time.



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This bill hurts public schools and I oppose it moving further in the process.



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I am submitting this testimony to express my strong opposition to LR 6496H.01I and to Rep. Ben Keathley's continued interference in our public schools and local democratic processes.

This bill is another example of an elected official choosing control over representation. By limiting when and how issues affecting our schools can appear on the ballot, Rep. Keathley is not supporting his constituents—he is actively working to silence them. Public schools belong to the communities they serve, not to politicians in Jefferson City who believe they know better than parents, educators, and local voters.

Controlling access to the ballot is the antithesis of a healthy, functioning society. When lawmakers manipulate timing or processes to avoid voter participation, they undermine trust in government and weaken democracy itself. If a policy cannot withstand the will of the voters, it should be reconsidered—not shielded through procedural gamesmanship.

Our public schools are already under immense pressure. They do not need additional political interference from legislators who refuse to listen to the people most affected by their decisions. Rep. Keathley's actions make it clear that he is more interested in consolidating power than in serving his constituents.

I urge the committee to reject LR 6496H.01I and to send a clear message that Missouri values local control, public education, and the fundamental right of citizens to vote on issues that directly impact their communities.

Public schools deserve support—not control. Voters deserve a voice—not obstacles.



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This is a naughty trick to confuse voters with verbiage.

Support educators. Support PUBLIC education.



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I am against this. These entities should be able to use "no tax increase" language. Levy transfers don't increase taxes and appropriate language describing this should be permitted.



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I oppose this action because it will hurt public schools where my children attend.



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I oppose limiting tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle and prohibiting taxing authorities from describing a proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal. Ben Keathley's HB2668 puts our schools and communities at a disadvantage and is not in the general public's best interest.



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I oppose HB 2668 because it changes property tax calculations in ways that could increase the burden on homeowners without guaranteeing real tax relief. Missouri families deserve clear, voter-accountable protections against rising property taxes, not complicated formula changes that risk higher bills. I also find it poor judgement to write into law that tax changes and levys must be done only at a general election. This gives MO less flexibility in voting for changes they may or may not want.



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I oppose any proposed legislation that attempts to demonize public education and limits the ability for communities to vote on funding measures when needed.



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I oppose this bill because it is taking away local control of elections and will cause harm to schools.

If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”).

Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume it’s a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and funding shouldn’t be limited by dirty politician tricks.



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WITNESS NAME: KERRY COLOMBO		PHONE NUMBER:
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When property tax increases can only be voted on during general elections, people lose the ability to respond when unpredicted needs arise. If there's an emergency or urgent funding gap, communities may be forced to wait years for the next general election even if most of us voters would support acting sooner. That delay is made even worse because tax rate hearings happen right before general elections, leaving almost no flexibility. Any small cost savings from consolidating elections are not worth tying the hands of local governments. Local boards need the freedom to put tax questions on the ballot when they're needed, or we risk serious budget failures and disruptions to basic services like schools, public safety, and infrastructure.



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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
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EMAIL: Lholloway@mocities.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/20/2026 1:10 PM

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The Missouri Municipal League has concerns with two elements of HB 2668 and 2780. First, we have concerns with moving any votes to the November election only. This ballot is often longer, and adding local issues causes ballot fatigue, as well as less opportunity for voter education. Media costs increase, prohibiting full voter education as well.

In addition, we are concerned with the requirement to number the proposals or list in alpha order. When a city is able to choose the proposition letter, it often ties to the proposal in order to increase education.



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HB 2668, if passed, limits when taxing authorities (school districts, fire districts, libraries, etc) can go to the ballot for tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle. This eliminates using primary and special election dates.

If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”).

Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume it’s a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and funding shouldn’t be limited by dirty politician tricks.

This bill is payback from Rep Keathley. He’s upset that Rockwood was able to pass the Prop 3 zero-tax-increase levy transfer in 2023 and he continues to incorrectly call that a tax increase. In addition, he knows that Rockwood was only 500 votes shy in passing Prop S in 2025. He continually works very hard to defund public education in Missouri and torpedoing Rockwood Prop S through his recent mailer, lies, and mass text message was another feather in his cap. It’s pretty shocking that he benefited from a Rockwood education from our amazing teachers and staff, but now he’s continuing to pull the ladder up behind him.



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School districts should have local control of when they need to ask community members for tax increases or bond issues.



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This is anti-education.



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I strongly support the right to receive an outstanding public education!



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I oppose this because local boards—not state legislators—should decide when to go to the ballot to avoid budget crises, service cuts, and disruptions to education, public safety, and infrastructure. If this passes, voters would have fewer opportunities to vote on local tax questions. Urgent or emergency funding needs could be delayed for years. The problem is compounded because tax rate hearings occur just before general elections, leaving little flexibility. Any minimal election-cost savings are not worth sacrificing local control and appropriate financial stewardship of the backbone of our community.

I also oppose this because HB2668 bans truthful language and misleads voters. HB 2668 would prohibit taxing authorities from describing a proposal as a “no tax increase” (or any similar language). Levy transfers do NOT increase taxes by definition. Most bond issues do not raise taxes. Banning accurate language will cause voters to assume taxes are increasing when they are not. This would make it nearly impossible to pass bonds for critical infrastructure and safety needs. This would make it nearly impossible for taxing districts to live within their existing means, via levy transfers. Voters deserve clear, honest explanations, not confusion created by political word games. I oppose this bill.



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Absolutely not!



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I am in opposition to HB 2668.



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Local communities should have the option to put ballot measures regarding funding questions at any election. Such action would significantly limit a local community from responding to immediate needs and concerns.



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This bill would be harmful to Missouri public schools. The needs of a public district are varied and often time-sensitive. Elections related to school tax increases or other financial proposals should not be shackled to the political cycles of elected representatives. Districts need to be able to respond quickly. If this passes, school districts will lose opportunities to adjust funding when they need it.



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I oppose limiting tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle and prohibiting taxing authorities from describing a proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal. Ben Keathley's HB2668 puts our schools and communities at a disadvantage and is not in the general public's best interest.



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This bill will negatively affect schools and lead to misleading language surrounding no tax increase bills.



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I am against this bill.



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- STOP trying to control when an organization can put their tax measure on a ballot
- STOP trying to control how an organization words the advertising of their ballot measure
- Just because Heathley was angry over the passage of Rockwood's ballot measure doesn't mean he can takdd ed it out on the entire state.



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WITNESS NAME: MANDI SCHWEIGERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 2668.

This bill will provide citizens with even fewer opportunities throughout a year to vote on tax questions.

If passed, this bill will have an adverse impact on our communities' ability to timely address safety, infrastructure, and educational needs.



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It's wrong and unjust



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I oppose HB 2668



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WITNESS NAME: MARY FITZGERLAD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Mary Fitzgerald, I live in Kirkwood Mo. If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates.

Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure. In Kirkwood we have an aging water treatment facility and lead in pipes and the city cannot afford necessary repairs. We have already experienced a water plant crisis leaving residents without treated water for days. I can envision a future water plant crisis and then Kirkwood would have to wait months to put a tax increase on the ballot. We need to protect local control.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”). Voters have a right to accurate truthful information on the ballot.

Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume it’s a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on.

I appreciate your support of local control and truthful ballot language.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
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This undermines the autonomy of school districts to hold special requests from their community for increased funding. Allow the schools, who know best what their districts need, to make these decisions.



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HB 2668, if passed, limits when taxing authorities (school districts, fire districts, libraries, etc) can go to the ballot for tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle. This eliminates using primary and special election dates.

Concern: If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

HB 2668, if passed, prohibits any taxing authority from advertising or describing any proposed property tax as a “no tax increase” tax proposal (“or any language to that effect”).

Concern: Tax levy transfers don’t increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume it’s a tax increase. The vast majority of bond issues don’t increase taxes either. By eliminating “no tax increase” language and advertising, this bill all but ensures that taxing authorities will never pass bonds for much needed infrastructure updates or reclassifications to their tax rates. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on and funding shouldn’t be limited by dirty politician tricks.

Regarding Rockwood: This bill is payback from Rep Keathley. He’s upset that Rockwood was able to pass the Prop 3 zero-tax-increase levy transfer in 2023 and he continues to incorrectly call that a tax increase. In addition, he knows that Rockwood was only 500 votes shy in passing Prop S in 2025. He continually works very hard to defund public education in Missouri and torpedoing Rockwood Prop S through his recent mailer, lies, and mass text message was another feather in his cap. It’s pretty shocking that he benefited from a Rockwood education from our amazing teachers and staff, but now he’s continuing to pull the ladder up behind him.



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I oppose this for multiple reasons, but most importantly, because it is wrong.



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Taxation is an important part of living in society, and without taxes we cannot function as a government. To think otherwise is pure stupidity.



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Chair and members of the committee,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 2668 and HB 2780. These bills are essentially the same, and my objection is primarily constitutional and procedural: they combine too many distinct policy subjects in one omnibus package and do not provide clear notice to citizens about what is being changed.

1) Single-subject concern (logrolling risk).

Missouri’s constitutional single-subject requirement exists to prevent “logrolling,” where legislators bundle unrelated provisions together so that controversial items can ride along with more popular reforms. These bills do exactly that. They mix election administration and ballot language rules with multiple, substantive property-tax policy changes and classifications. Whatever one thinks of any individual provision, combining them in one bill undermines transparent lawmaking and forces lawmakers—and the public—to vote “yes” or “no” on a grab bag of different policies.

2) Clear-title / fair-notice concern.

The title and structure of these bills (largely a list of repeals and reenactments across many chapters) do not provide ordinary Missourians fair notice about the major policy changes inside. A bill that touches everything from local tax election timing and ballot descriptions to property-tax definitions and preferential treatment for certain property should have a title and structure that clearly signals the scope and the major subjects. When the title is effectively “repeal and reenact numerous sections,” it becomes impossible for citizens to understand what is being done without legal-level effort, which defeats the purpose of the constitutional title requirement.

3) Why this matters even if some provisions sound good.

I support transparency for taxpayers, and there may be provisions in these bills that sound attractive in isolation. But constitutional process is not optional. Good ideas should stand on their own as single-subject bills with clear titles so they can be debated honestly and amended cleanly. Bundling invites special-interest carveouts and unintended consequences—and it is not how the people of Missouri are supposed to be governed.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to vote NO on HB 2668 and HB 2780. If the General Assembly wants to pursue any of the topics covered here, they should be introduced as separate, clearly titled bills so the public can follow, understand, and hold government accountable.

**Respectfully submitted,
Michael Compton**



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This proposal would be overly burdensome to local municipalities when the need to raise funding on an urgent basis does not coincide with the general election cycle. Local boards should be able to decide when it's fiscally necessary to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure. Forcing local boards and municipalities to wait until the next general election would exacerbate these issues.



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I'm opposed to this bill. If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure. Also, tax levy transfers don't increase taxes by definition and appropriate language describing this should be permitted, or voters will incorrectly assume it's a tax increase. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on.



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Stop trying to defund our public schools



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WITNESS NAME: NICOLE ARB WIETHOP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The fact that you benefitted from a responsibly-funded public education in MO, in your day, and are now trying to deny that to other citizens of Missouri, is the height of hypocrisy.

All Missouri citizens deserve a responsibly-funded public education and honest ballot language, and the chance for responsive election timeframes to address public education needs, and even crises - crises that MO republicans are trying to create in public education in this state.

We deserve timely local control ballot initiative remedies, including bonds and levy transfers which do not even increase taxes - which you are trying to deny us with this bill.

You are a dishonest and entitled person who misleads the public about crucial rights and services that are due to us all, as citizens of this state. You don't represent me, my kids, our community or our educators.



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The bill makes many changes to property tax law based upon the committee's work during the 2025 interim. Among the many provisions in the bill, there are two provisions of particular concern to the Association.

One provision would require new construction to be included in rollback calculations. The Hancock Amendment has always excluded new construction, recognizing that new developments, such as new subdivisions, bring additional residents and add to the services needed from their local governments and schools. The bill would block this proportional new revenue from new taxpayers and require further tax rollbacks. This change will make it harder for local governments in growing areas to meet the needs of all their residents.

The bill also requires that levy elections be held on November election dates. The November election date makes sense for partisan political officials who take office at the beginning of the year. School elections in the spring relate better to the school fiscal year starting on July 1. Also, as a practical matter, the municipal election allows voters to focus on these local issues outside of the November election cycle when access to the time and attention of voters is taken up by partisan election campaigns and statewide issues.

The Association opposes these changes and asks that the committee remove these provisions from the bill.



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Local taxing authorities should have the flexibility to schedule bond and tax votes when needed, not just on general election cycles. There are situations where quick action is needed.

Also, the use of "no tax increase" language should not be eliminated; there are bonds and transfers that do not result in tax increases, and taxing authorities should be able to use that language.



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This is an attempt to further defund public education in missouri. I want schools to be able to easily bring the funds they need to a vote. If people are opposed they can show that at the ballot box.



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There is NO reason to limit taxing entities from asking the voters to consider issues and propositions.

The obvious end game here is to defund a free and appropriate PUBLIC education for all children of the state of Missouri.

Tax payers are intelligent enough to express their views at the ballot box on any election date.

Stop trying to take the power away from the electorate of this state!!!



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I am opposed to this bill. It limits school districts in asking patrons for funding.



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This bill would be extremely harmful to Missouri public schools. The needs of a public district are varied and often time-sensitive. Elections related to school tax increases or other financial proposals should not be shackled to the political cycles of elected representatives. Especially given that state funding is so unpredictable and seems to be cut based on the whims of people trying to score political points, districts need the flexibility to respond quickly. Schools need the local control to determine when ballot initiatives work. If this passes, school districts will lose opportunities to adjust funding more frequently. This would damage the already fragile state of Missouri public schools.



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Local control means just that, local control. Communities below the state level should be able to decide on their own without state interference, when to put issues on the ballot.



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I am strongly opposed to this bill. It is payback from Rep Keathley. He's upset that Rockwood was able to pass the Prop 3 zero-tax-increase levy transfer in 2023 and he continues to incorrectly call that a tax increase. In addition, he knows that Rockwood was only 500 votes shy in passing Prop S in 2025. He continually works very hard to defund public education in Missouri and torpedoing Rockwood Prop S through his recent mailer, lies, and mass text message was another feather in his cap. It's pretty shocking that he benefited from a Rockwood education from our amazing teachers and staff, but now he's continuing to pull the ladder up behind him. Shame on you Rep. Keathley.



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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing as a resident of the Rockwood School District to voice my strong opposition to HB 2668. This bill is an unnecessary restriction on local control that ultimately punishes districts like Rockwood for being honest and transparent with their taxpayers.

Rockwood School District has consistently demonstrated that it takes its fiduciary duty to the public seriously. Our district has a proven track record of financial openness, providing deep-dive budget documents, public work sessions, and clear explanations of how every dollar is spent. When the district brings a proposal to the ballot, it is the result of months of public engagement and transparent planning. HB 2668 undermines this relationship by stripping local communities of the right to decide the timing of their own investments.

The most concerning aspect of HB 2668 is the prohibition of “no tax increase” language. When Rockwood proposes a levy transfer or a bond issue that does not raise the tax rate, it is a mathematical fact. To ban the district from using that language is to force a lack of transparency upon the voters.

If a proposal is, in fact, a zero-tax-rate-increase measure, the district has an obligation to inform the public of that fact. By banning this terminology, HB 2668 forces voters to make decisions based on incomplete or misleading information. Our voters deserve the truth, not legislative orders that create confusion where there is currently clarity.

Restricting all ballot measures to general elections ignores the reality of school maintenance and safety. Emergencies do not wait for a two-year election cycle. Rockwood’s ability to address infrastructure needs, such as those identified in the 2025 Prop S, is vital to maintaining the high standard of education our community expects and that our children deserve.

Conclusion HB 2668 is a solution in search of a problem. In Rockwood, we value the open, honest communication we have regarding our schools' finances. I urge you to vote NO on HB 2668 and allow our local community to continue its practice of transparent, responsible self-governance.

Sincerely,
 Sarah Boyer
 Rockwood Parent and Special Education Teacher



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I submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2668 due to its scope, complexity, and its cumulative effect on voter consent, property rights, and tax transparency.

HB 2668 is not a narrow reform. It is a sweeping rewrite of property tax, special district, and local election procedures spanning dozens of statutory sections. Legislation of this magnitude demands exceptional clarity and restraint.

Instead, the bill introduces layered mechanisms that make it easier to impose assessments and taxes through special districts while making it harder for ordinary residents to meaningfully understand, monitor, or contest them. Section 67.457 illustrates this concern clearly.

The bill allows neighborhood improvement districts to be created either by election or by petition of owners representing two-thirds of the land area—effectively substituting land ownership weight for one-person-one-vote. In districts where few registered voters reside, taxation authority can shift almost entirely to property owners or entities, diluting democratic participation and creating an uneven power dynamic between residents and landholders.

While the bill contains notice provisions and nominal caps, these safeguards are procedural rather than substantive. Voters are asked to approve complex financing structures, long-term assessments, and future maintenance costs with only high-level estimates and with allowances for cost overruns of up to twenty-five percent. That is not informed consent; it is conditional acquiescence.

HB 2668 also restructures how tax elections are conducted, including mail-in ballots limited to “qualified voters” that may exclude residents in favor of property owners in certain districts. This framework risks normalizing taxation without meaningful resident representation and increases the likelihood that taxes and assessments are approved through low-visibility, low-participation processes.

Most concerning, the bill repeatedly reframes taxes and assessments through technical language that obscures their real financial impact. The inclusion of provisions prohibiting governments from advertising taxes as “not increasing taxes” implicitly acknowledges a pattern of misleading presentation—yet the bill does little to simplify or clarify the system for the public.

Property taxation should be transparent, comprehensible, and firmly grounded in voter consent. HB 2668 moves in the opposite direction: toward complexity, fragmentation, and governance structures that favor insiders, entities, and process experts over everyday Missourians.

For these reasons, HB 2668 should not advance in its current form.

**Submitted in defense of the public interest,
Rev. Sarah M. Berry**



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When funds are earmarked, it takes a vote to move funds from one pool into another. These are not tax increases; they are a chance in appropriation. Additionally, there needs to be more flexibility to request these changes and request tax increases. I am fully against this bill.



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I oppose limiting when schools, fire police etc. can place tax increases on the ballot. I favor clear language that explains if taxes will actually increase. I oppose HB2668 on the grounds that people should be able to vote on taxation in a timely and appropriate fashion.



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Against it!



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I am opposed to this.



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This will negatively affect our public schools and I oppose it.



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??HB 2668, if passed, limits when taxing authorities (school districts, fire districts, libraries, etc) can go to the ballot for tax increases, levy transfers, or bond issues to the general election cycle. This eliminates using primary and special election dates.

??Concern: If a jurisdiction can only put a property tax increase on the ballot in a general election, then citizens have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on tax questions. Emergencies or urgent funding needs would have to wait years for the next general election, even if a majority of local voters would support timely action. The wait is then exacerbated because the tax rate hearings (when tax rates are set) happen just prior to general election dates. The minimal estimated tax savings for election consolidation is not worth limiting local control. Local boards should be able to decide when to go to the ballot to avoid catastrophic budgeting issues and service interruptions in schools, safety, and infrastructure.

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While there are a few portions of this legislation that we support, There are many sections that we do not support. Therefore we are opposed.



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Local boards should be able to decide to go to the ballot.



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I am against this bill because if passed, Missouri citizens will have fewer chances throughout the year to vote on items that should be brought to a vote. It could mean that potential funding needs have to wait years for a general election instead of being addressed when needed.



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Locally-elected local governing bodies should be able to effectively represent their local constituents (as they were elected to do) and determine when it makes local fiscal sense to ask their local constituents to vote on local tax and bond issues that impact their local community.



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I oppose Rep Keathley's proposal.



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This would be detrimental to the public school system.



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Stop trying to defund public schools!



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Positives:

1. 137.073 line 57 – 58 and 137.079 applies each subclass will have it own levy. This allows for the Hancock Amendment to be more effective in levy rollbacks due to increases in assessed valuations for the total of each subclass.
2. 137.073(2) Including all new construction in the rate setting will also allow for the Hancock Amendment to be more effective in levy rollbacks due to increases in assessed valuations for the total of each subclass.
- 3.

Negatives

1. 137.016 lines 51 through 55 changes the classification apartments with units more than 5, privately owner nursing homes and assisted living facilities as commercial. In 1995 HB 211 changed all these to residential. Apartment owners will file declarations of condominiums as a loophole around the commercial classification just as they did prior to HB 211.
2. 137.016 lines 60 through 68 If I am reading this correctly the only way to appraise property for taxation is by use of the Cost Approach to value. Applying the cost approach to older properties is very subjective due to the estimate of all forms of depreciation. (Physical, Economic and Functional) There are many times the cost to build a property is not its true value in money a home that costs \$5 million dollars to build will not typically will sale for less than the cost. The sales comparison approach when applied correctly is more realist on older properties. Market sales of similar homes have the market forces and depreciation accounted for in the sale. On income producing properties the income approach to value is the most appropriate investors buy and sale properties on their income potential.
3. 137.115(10) Adding a 15% physical inspection restriction on the commercial subclass just places a larger burden and cost on assessor’s offices most of which are currently understaffed. Boone County estimates they will need to hire 1 additional commercial appraiser to meet the requirements of this change. The State Tax Commission will also need to add additional staff to value the centrally assessed utilities.

4. 137.082 whether an Assessor and county taxes on occupancy should be left to for the Assessor and county to decide. This has programming changes and costs for the counties without any additional funding provided for the change.



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WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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Appraisals for taxing purposes should be based upon the recognized concept of "Highest and Best Use". They are currently appraised on the seldom used concept of "Value in Use". I recently came across a property in Columbia, MO that sold for over \$10 Million. The 2025 property tax on this property was \$54. I feel that this is grossly unfair to the taxpayers that are paying taxes on the full, market value of their homes and commercial properties.