



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am in Support of this Bill. This is a great start!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHRISSEY GILLIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-947-3900</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>PUTNAM COUNTY ASSESSOR</b>		TITLE: <b>ASSESSOR</b>	
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Dear Members of the Committee,

As the Putnam County Assessor, I am writing to express my formal support for HB 2709, introduced by Representative Rodger Reedy. This legislation represents a vital step toward ensuring a fair and transparent property tax system for all Missourians.

From the perspective of county assessment and administration, the current "aggregate" method of setting tax rates often leads to unintended consequences for our residents. HB 2709 addresses these issues by:

- **Siloing Property Subclasses:** Requiring political subdivisions to establish individual rates of levy for each subclass of real property (residential, agricultural, and commercial) and personal property. This prevents a surge in residential values from unfairly impacting other sectors or vice versa, ensuring that each subclass only pays its proportional share.
- **Enhancing Ballot Transparency:** I strongly support the requirement that any ballot measure proposing a tax change must state the impact. This provides the clarity taxpayers deserve when making decisions at the polls.
- **Protecting Local Revenue Stability:** By revising rates the bill maintains the spirit of the Hancock Amendment while adapting to modern economic shifts.
- **As an official tasked with fair valuation, I believe this bill provides the necessary tools to prevent "tax shift" and offers much-needed predictability for our seniors and working families.**
- **I urge you to support HB 2709. Thank you for your commitment to improving Missouri's tax code and for your service to our state.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAN HUTTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-751-1712</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JULIA BAKER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-486-3100</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KENNY MOHR</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-819-2258</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEVE HOBBS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-473-4601</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>TIM THEROFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am the Cole County Assessor. I am in favor of taxation by subclass. It will more accurately utilize the implementation of the Hancock Rollback versus a rollback on the aggregate. Over the last several years residential real estate as a subclass has seen a higher increase versus the other subclasses. Levy by subclass will protect the residential property owners directly versus a rollback on the aggregate.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LESLIE FOGARTY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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MO Constitution Section X, Section 10a says: **EXCUSION OF STATE FROM LOCAL TAXATION FOR LOCAL PURPOSES** - Except as provided in this constitution, the general assembly SHALL NOT impose taxes upon counties or other political subdivisions or upon the inhabitants or property thereof for municipal, county, or other corporate purposes.

I have asked my county assessor and legislators to provide the bill that the Missouri legislature passed to tax private men and women's private property and none could be provided. If the state can't tax it, then the counties can't tax it. Article 1, Section 2 is clear and needs to be followed. Private property has no nexus with the state while companies and property thereof do and are the only "subjects" of taxation.



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