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WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI PORK ASSN		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN GRACE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-9549	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: EMILY LEWIS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-8151	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI BANKERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: JEFF VAN SCHINICK		PHONE NUMBER: 202-600-1612	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: JAGUAR TRANSPORT		TITLE: SVP	
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CITY: JOPLIN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64801
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WITNESS NAME: KATIE GAMBLE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-301-3935	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI RAILROAD ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARK FIEGENBAUM		PHONE NUMBER: 573-690-8580	
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These tax credits help support value added agriculture and small business development through investment incentives. By incentivizing investment and entrepreneurship, these credits support investment in rural economies, creating jobs and incentivizing innovation



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WITNESS NAME: MATT AMICK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW J SMITH		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
REPRESENTING: ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
REPRESENTING: MO CATTLE ASSOC; MO FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOC; RAILWAY SUPPLY INSTITUTE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: TONY BENZ		PHONE NUMBER: 573-301-2747	
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WITNESS NAME: TRICIA WORKMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-4430	
REPRESENTING: POET BIOFUELS		TITLE:	
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POER biofuels is the largest biofuel producer in the world. We support the repeal of the sunset on the higher blend of ethanol tax credits for retailers as it will help to continue to build this market.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am highly Opposed to these Costly State Tax-Credits that are sold to the highest-bidder as a commodity.



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WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I stand in strong opposition to HB2713 (Diehl), that would make a suite of corporate welfare tax credits permanent.

This bill represents a fundamental failure of policy vision. It chooses to lock Missouri into a system of permanent corporate welfare for industries like biofuels and large-scale meat processing, rather than investing in a truly equitable and sustainable future for our communities. These tax credits transfer public wealth into private hands with no meaningful guarantees for workers—no requirement to pay family-sustaining wages, allow unionization, or ensure safe jobs. We should not be subsidizing exploitation.

Furthermore, these credits are a form of greenwashing, not genuine climate action. The biodiesel credit, for instance, includes loopholes for environmentally destructive palm oil. Meanwhile, a token \$5,000 credit for urban farms is a band-aid that fails to address the root causes of food apartheid or the corporate stranglehold on our food system.

By removing all sunset provisions, these bills make these flawed programs unaccountable. they create a permanent "shadow budget" of lost revenue that will never face public scrutiny again, handing our state's economic planning over to industry lobbyists instead of the people.

The revenue foregone by these permanent giveaways should be reclaimed through taxing wealth and corporate profits, and then directly invested in the public good: in universal green transit, in worker-owned cooperatives, and in democratically-controlled community resources.

I urge you to vote NO on HB2713. Let these ineffective market tweaks expire. Our duty is to build a just economy that works for all Missourians, not to sign a blank check for corporate interests.



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I OPPOSE HB 2713 as originally drafted.

**I specifically oppose any tax credit or other incentive for high ethanol content motor vehicle fuel.
Ethanol-free gasoline is better.**



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I oppose HB 2713 because it is not merely a tax-credit bill — it is a governance evasion bill.

It expands and extends tax credits while repeatedly embedding Chapter 536 “nonseverability” hostage clauses that attempt to intimidate courts and preserve legislative control over executive rulemaking.

That is not conservative. It is not careful drafting.

It is a confession that the General Assembly knows it is operating in constitutionally contested territory and is choosing to externalize the risk to taxpayers anyway.

Here is the real problem:

Missouri taxpayers are forced to fund the Legislature’s bad habit of passing legally fragile programs and outsourcing constitutional review to litigation.

HB 2713 does it openly.

The bill’s repeated “chapter 536 is nonseverable” language is an admission that if a court holds legislative veto or rule-control mechanisms unconstitutional, the Legislature wants to collapse the program and disable agency implementation rather than comply with separation-of-powers limits.

That is legislative overreach dressed up as “accountability.” Courts have already been forced to address this exact separation-of-powers fight in Missouri.

This committee should not advance a bill that:

Creates/extends government benefits through the tax code while hiding the true cost in future revenue loss and administrative burden;

Invites litigation by inserting provisions that telegraph constitutional weakness;

Attempts to rig judicial outcomes through nonseverability threats (“if you strike our unconstitutional oversight power, the entire grant of rulemaking dies”);

Forces agencies to operate under legal booby-traps that make stable, lawful implementation impossible.

**If the General Assembly wants to legislate responsibly, then do it on the record:
Produce the written constitutional analysis for HB 2713's Chapter 536 clauses and publish it with the bill file.**

Identify which provisions implicate separation of powers, and why the Legislature believes these clauses survive scrutiny.

If you cannot defend the clauses, strip them.

Until then, HB 2713 is exactly what Missourians are sick of: legislation that acts like the courts are a clean-up crew and taxpayers are the credit card. We see it. It's wrong. And it should be voted down.