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Missouri's 6 ethanol plants produce over 300 million ethanol gallons annually, providing critical markets for corn farmers and supporting the communities they call home. Other states such as California have promulgated rules like the Advanced Clean Car regulations which require dealerships to sell only zero emission vehicles by the year 2035. Should Missouri travel down a similar path of trying to phase out use of the internal combustion engine, the negative impact in liquid fuel consumption would be detrimental to ethanol production and take away a valuable market for corn farmers. For these reasons MCGA supports the provisions contained in HB2774.



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I am in Support of this Bill and the Legislative Intent.



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I am in full Support of this Bill. I want to ensure and guarantee that Missourians have the full choice in Vehicles and Equipment that they desire without interference of any County, Municipality, Village or Township.



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February 11, 2026

General Laws Committee
 House Hearing Room 7
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Submitted electronically via house.mo.gov

RE: Support for HB 2774

Chair Keathley and members of the committee,

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America is the professional association for the men and women who manage and maintain the game’s most valuable resource — the golf course. Established in 1926, GCSAA has long been recognized by the golf industry as a key contributor in elevating the game and business of golf, both domestically and globally. GCSAA provides education, information, and representation to more than 21,000 members in more than 72 countries. Its mission is to serve its members, advance their profession, and improve communities through the enjoyment, growth, and vitality of the game of golf.

We write to thank you for scheduling this hearing, and to thank Rep. Knight for introducing HB 2774, prohibiting regulations on the sale or use of equipment based on fuel source. Each and every day throughout the growing season, golf course superintendents at Missouri’s 300-plus golf facilities rely on numerous pieces of outdoor landscaping equipment to maintain their properties, which provide tremendous outdoor recreational opportunities, abundant green space and wildlife habitat, and community meeting spaces that bring Missourians together for fun, fellowship, philanthropy, and more.

According to a 2025 report published by the Missouri Golf Association and numerous other leading golf organizations in the state, golf is a powerful contributor to Missouri’s economy, culture, and workforce. In 2023, the game delivered a total economic impact of \$2.1 billion, including \$1.4 billion in direct economic output, while supporting over 21,700 jobs and generating \$250 million in state and local tax revenue. This impact spans daily golf course operations, tourism, capital investment, real estate, retail, and charitable giving, making golf one of Missouri’s most far-reaching recreational and economic engines. But none of this is possible without maintenance operations at golf courses, large

and small, where the game is enjoyed.

An unfortunate trend in recent years by local governments to prohibit the use of various types outdoor power equipment has made maintenance operations and compliance far more difficult in some states across the country. However, thanks to legislation such as this, golf course superintendents can rest assured they will have the tools they need to maintain their properties to the best of their abilities while being professional stewards of the land. Providing great playing conditions in remarkable settings will keep Missouri's golf tourism industry growing while also providing affordable golf experiences for all players, young and old, at munis and family-owned and operated golf courses all across the Show Me state.

We thank you for your support of HB 2774 and offer ourselves as a resource for any questions you may have on this bill or others moving forward.



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I write today in strong opposition to House Bill 2774. This bill, which prohibits the state and its political subdivisions from restricting the sale or use of products based on their fuel source, is a dangerous attack on local democracy, public health, and our ability to confront the climate crisis.

At its core, this bill is about stripping power from communities. It says that no city, town, or county in Missouri can decide for itself what is best for its own residents. If a community wants to phase out gas-powered leaf blowers to give its residents quiet neighborhoods and cleaner air, this bill says no. If a community wants to encourage electric vehicle adoption to reduce emissions and attract clean energy investment, this bill says no. This is not freedom. This is the state government handcuffing local leaders and telling them their voters' voices do not matter.

The stated justification is preventing "restrictions based on fuel source," but we should be clear about what that means. It means protecting the status quo of fossil fuel dependence at all costs. It means telling families in communities with high asthma rates that their health is less important than corporate profits. It means telling our children that we are unwilling to change our habits even as we hand them a planet in crisis.

We are in the midst of a climate emergency. The science could not be more clear: we must transition away from fossil fuels as quickly as possible. This bill does not just slow that transition in Missouri; it actively prohibits any government entity from even beginning the work. It locks us into an outdated, polluting energy system and prevents innovation, competition, and choice.

And let us be honest about what this bill protects. It protects gas-powered leaf blowers that emit more smog-forming pollution in one hour than a modern car driving from Missouri to Arizona. It protects chainsaws and weed trimmers that expose workers and families to toxic fumes. It protects the sale of gas-guzzling vehicles while electric alternatives sit on dealer lots. This is not about consumer freedom; it is about denying consumers cleaner, safer options by making sure those options can never be prioritized.

Finally, this bill is an insult to the principle of local control. Missouri has a proud tradition of communities making their own decisions. This bill replaces that tradition with a one-size-fits-all mandate from Jefferson City that serves only the interests of the fossil fuel industry.

I urge you to reject this bill. Let our communities lead. Let our residents breathe clean air. Let Missouri

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I oppose HB 2774 because it imposes an absolute prohibition on state and local regulation based on fuel source, regardless of public safety, health, or context.

Missouri law has long recognized that cities and counties possess police powers to regulate for the protection of health, safety, and welfare. HB 2774 overrides those powers wholesale, preventing local governments from responding to legitimate concerns such as noise, emissions, fire hazards, indoor air quality, and land-use compatibility — so long as the regulation could be characterized as “based on fuel source.”

The bill’s language is dangerously overbroad. It does not distinguish between zoning, nuisance abatement, emergency response, or safety regulations. It does not define what it means to regulate “based on fuel source.” As written, HB 2774 invites arbitrary enforcement, litigation, and judicial confusion.

The General Assembly may set statewide policy, but it cannot constitutionally strip local governments of their core ability to protect residents from demonstrable harm. HB 2774 does exactly that.

If the goal is fuel neutrality, that can be achieved without disabling health and safety regulation.

This bill goes far beyond that and should be rejected.

HB 2774 doesn’t protect choice — it bans safety rules. It handcuffs local governments even when fuel source is directly tied to health, noise, or fire risk.

FOOTNOTES

- Mo. Const. art. VI, §§ 19(a), 19(b) (municipal police powers)
- Mo. Const. art. I, § 2 (inherent rights / welfare)
- State ex rel. Sunshine Enterprises of Missouri, Inc. v. Board of Adjustment, 64 S.W.3d 310 (Mo. banc 2002) (local police powers & zoning)
- City of St. Louis v. Western Union Tel. Co., 148 U.S. 92 (1893) (police powers include health and safety)
- Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co., 272 U.S. 365 (1926) (zoning as legitimate police power)