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Good morning, I have been in the commercial HVAC industry for 19 years. In that time I have installed and tested Many Fire/Smoke dampers. I have seen how they work and know the importance of their upkeep. They are a very important component for the safety of the occupants of any building in question. They are a life or death piece of equipment and need to be treated as such. Thank you.



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Chair Hinman and Members of the Local Government Committee,

I am writing today to express our support for HB 3003, the Fire Life Safety Damper Inspection Verification Act.

Fire and smoke dampers are critical components of a building's life safety systems. When properly installed and maintained, they prevent the spread of fire and smoke through ductwork. Ensuring that these devices are inspected and tested as outlined in this bill protects building occupants and the fire fighters who respond when the worst happens.

Requiring certified inspectors to complete inspections and testing with standards established by the National Fire Protection Association will strengthen accountability and improve public safety. Inspection ensures these systems function as designed when they are needed most. For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support of HB 3003.

Respectfully,
Matt Dowd



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK DUJAKOVICH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Missouri State Council of Fire Fighters supports the passage of this legislation. The requirements of the legislation would provide an important safeguard to the general public in the event of fires in buildings with the types of HVAC systems covered by the Act. Additionally, the legislation would help ensure that fire fighters operating in such structures are able to safely, efficiently and effective control the spread of fire and smoke in the event of such incidents.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in Opposition to this Bill and adding additional unneeded Government Regulations and required forced Promulgated Regulations on Our Missouri Citizens.



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HB 3003 is framed as a safety measure, but in practice it creates an unfunded mandate, establishes a state-sanctioned credential monopoly, expands inspection enforcement authority, and imposes escalating civil penalties that disproportionately burden building owners—particularly in rural and small-market areas.

1. This Is Not a Safety Update — It Is a Regulatory Expansion

**Missouri already incorporates fire and life-safety standards through:
 local building codes,
 adopted NFPA standards,
 existing inspection regimes,
 and the authority of local fire marshals.**

HB 3003 does not merely reference standards—it codifies them into state law, strips local discretion, and adds new enforcement, reporting, and penalty layers.

This is state overreach, not gap-filling.

2. Credentialing Scheme Creates a De Facto Monopoly

**HB 3003 mandates that inspections may only be performed by:
 contractors holding ICB or ISO/IEC 17024-accredited certifications, and
 technicians enrolled in or completing 8,000-hour apprenticeship programs.**

**This:
 excludes many experienced HVAC professionals,
 limits competition,
 inflates inspection costs,
 and creates artificial scarcity, especially in rural counties.**

The State of Missouri should not be in the business of picking winners in private certification markets.

3. Rural and Small Building Owners Are Disproportionately Harmed

The bill applies to every political subdivision requiring fire life-safety dampers, with:

mandatory inspections within 12 months,
recurring inspections every 4 years,
physical (non-remote) inspections only,
mandatory documentation,
public posting requirements,
and reporting to the Department of Public Safety.

In rural Missouri:
certified inspectors may be hundreds of miles away,
inspection costs will rise sharply,
compliance timelines will be unrealistic,
and penalties will stack daily.

This is not safety equity—it is regulatory punishment by geography.

4. Mandatory Public Posting Is Coercive and Improper

HB 3003 requires building owners to post inspection verification notices in public view, including:
pass/fail status,
inspection expiration dates,
and inspector identity.

This functions as state-mandated public shaming, not safety communication, and raises concerns under:

due process,
reputational harm,
and compelled speech principles.

5. Enforcement Powers Are Excessive

The bill authorizes:
civil penalties up to \$1,000 per day per violation,
license suspension or revocation,
mandatory referrals between local and state authorities,
and injunctive relief in court.

All of this may occur without proof of actual danger, based solely on administrative noncompliance.

That is punitive regulation, not public protection.

6. Unfunded Mandate and Hancock Concerns

HB 3003:
imposes new duties on political subdivisions,
requires additional inspections and reporting,
expands enforcement obligations,
and increases administrative workload—
without providing funding or cost offsets.

This squarely implicates the Hancock Amendment, which prohibits the state from shifting the cost of new programs to local governments or citizens.

This bill should be rejected, or at minimum stripped of its credentialing monopoly, public posting mandate, and daily penalty structure.

Fire safety matters.
But unchecked regulatory expansion does not equal safety.

CONSTITUTIONAL & LEGAL FOOTNOTES

Missouri Constitution, Article X, §§16–24 (Hancock Amendment)
Prohibits unfunded mandates imposed on political subdivisions and taxpayers.
Missouri Constitution, Article I, §10 — Due process

Applies to administrative penalties, compelled postings, and license actions.

Missouri Constitution, Article I, §8 — Free speech

Compelled public posting requirements raise compelled-speech concerns.

Missouri Constitution, Article III, §40(30)

Prohibits special laws granting exclusive privileges (relevant to credential monopolies).

NFIB v. OSHA, 595 U.S. ___ (2022)

Agencies may not expand regulatory authority beyond clear legislative necessity.