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The Freedom Principle strongly urges the Committee to support and advance House Bill 3146.

Missourians deserve a democratic process where the voices of their elected representatives in the General Assembly are respected, not overridden by unelected judges. For years, we have witnessed a troubling pattern of judicial activism by non-elected judges selected under the Missouri Plan—judges who face no Senate confirmation and only rare, low-turnout retention elections. These judges have repeatedly inserted themselves into the ballot language process, rewriting summaries for measures referred by the legislature to align with their own views rather than neutrally informing voters.

Recent examples highlight this overreach. In cases involving high-profile ballot measures, such as those related to abortion rights, courts have struck down legislative-approved summaries as "misleading" or "partisan" and imposed their own rewritten versions—altering the information voters receive and potentially influencing election outcomes. This is not impartial adjudication; it is activism that undermines the separation of powers and the will of Missouri's elected lawmakers.

The Missouri Supreme Court's unanimous decision to strike down Senate Bill 22 in January 2026 exemplifies this problem. While the Court cited a procedural "original purpose" violation due to unrelated amendments, Freedom Principle condemned the ruling as extreme judicial activism that disregards legislative intent, election integrity, and the rights of Missouri voters. The decision further illustrates why reforms are urgently needed to prevent courts from hijacking the ballot summary process.

House Bill 3146 provides a targeted, constitutional solution. By requiring courts to certify the original summary statement prepared under the General Assembly's direction—even if deemed insufficient or unfair—rather than allowing judges to rewrite it, the bill restores proper balance. It expands the word limit to 100 words for clearer communication, sets reasonable challenge deadlines, and ensures expedited hearings without handing judicial power over legislative drafting.

This is not about eliminating oversight; it is about stopping non-elected judges from acting as super-legislators. Missouri's elected representatives, accountable to the people through regular elections, should control the language that describes measures they refer to voters. Unelected judges, insulated from accountability, should not be permitted to rewrite ballot text to suit their preferences. Freedom Principle MO calls on the House Elections Committee to pass HB 3146 and send a clear message: Judicial activism has no place in Missouri's elections. The people, through their elected

lawmakers, must have the final say in how ballot measures are presented.



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This is a literal replacement for SB 22 known as the "Let politicians lie act", that the Missouri supreme Court struck down and SOS Denny Hoskins admitted made ballot language confusing. We don't need another one, stop messing with our free and fair elections.



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Clearly, truthful and complete summary statements on ballots are a necessity. The only reason to obfuscate, misrepresent or not be fully forthcoming would be to trick a citizen voter. I'm sure you don't want to try and "pull a fast one" on the citizenry that elected you. HB 3146 must not pass.



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Stop trying to overturn the will of the voters.



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I oppose this bill because it would weaken requirements for ballots to include accessible, plain-language summaries for voters.



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The initiative petition process must stay. The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.



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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries. They are critical to keeping the initiative petition process intact and this bill would crush that.



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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The clarifying of the ballot summary should not be done by a politician. If it's needed it should be done by an impartial entity. The courts fit that description. This bill is basically a rewrite of a bill that was ruled unconstitutional. Please oppose this bill.



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We oppose HB 3146 because it undermines the public's right to have clear, transparent and accurate language on ballot measures and because the Missouri legislature has a history of using deceptive and misleading language on such measures. It prevents courts from exercising independent judgement on behalf of all Missourians, when necessary, and creates more situations where delays in framing ballot language make it impossible for the public to understand what they will be voting for or against. If our legislators believe that they are truly representing their constituents and working on their behalf to created a better Missouri, they should not be putting barriers up to clear and honest ballot language. This bill seeks to consolidate partisan power in the legislature rather than to serve Missourians and represent all of our interests!



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I urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is a shameless attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in Missouri and end these repeated attacks on the people's direct democracy. Vote NO on HB 3146. Voters deserve fair and unbiased ballot summaries. They deserve clear ballot language in order to know what they are voting on. These ballot summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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This bill submits policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should now be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.



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Mr. Chair and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3146. My name is Amanda Arst and I am a senior at Parkway Central High School in Chesterfield.

In the November 2026 election, I will be a first time voter, where I will be exercising my civic duty, along with many other Missourians. It is crucial that ballot language is truthful, clear, and fair, so that every citizen understands exactly what they are voting on. Voting is a way for each person to exercise their fundamental rights, and allowing this bill to pass would take away accountability that we as voters hold our legislators to.

I urge you to vote no on HB 3146.



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I urge the committee to oppose this bill due to the fact that the Missouri Supreme Court just ruled this type of action by a government official as unconstitutional.

In a DIFFERENT court case, the Secretary of State "Hoskins' attorney wrote that accusations the original ballot language was "argumentative and likely to create prejudice" were true (quote from Missouri Independent article, Jan 31, 2026).

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries and we have relied on the non-partisan initiative petition process for over 100 years. This process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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Please stop complicating elections to confuse or discourage voting.



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I am dismayed that Missourians once again need to stand up for the right to have clear and accurate summaries of ballot proposals. Please stop this attack on our rights as citizens.



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This is unnecessary and unacceptable and I oppose HB3146. I should be able to vote by reading straightforward verbiage without misleading ballot language, and if a majority speaks, our elected representatives should value and honor what we voters determine. Lawmakers should not be able to simply change it again and again until they get the results they want. How is that representing Missouri?

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I oppose this. HB 3146 is just a continuation of attempts to advance the substance of SB 22, which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. The bill undermines the integrity of the initiative petition process. It proposes altering established rules in response to outcomes the sponsor disagrees with, rather than respecting the will of voters. As written, it risks manipulating the democratic process and weakening Missourians' constitutional right to direct citizen-led initiatives. Honesty in politics; by, for, of the People, not politicians' ploys.



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HB3146 is a disgrace. Statesman should not need to hide behind rhetoric and lies to get a bill passed if the intent is to represent and support their constituents. Do not support this Bill.



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HB 3146 would further complicate the initiative petition process, which is a right of Missouri residents. Plus, HB 3146 is just another version of SB 22, a law the state Supreme Court already overturned a few weeks ago.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREA FILIFIL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Strongly oppose the bill. It is unethical to lie, especially to do so on purpose.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNA CHOTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please vote no on HB 3146. Voters deserve a fair initiative petition process, and this bill would draw it out and make it harder for voters to receive clear and accurate information.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNALISA DEATON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ANNE HERSHEWE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed legislation that seeks to transfer the authority of ballot summary formulation from the courts to the Secretary of State. This bill raises significant concerns that could undermine the democratic process and the integrity of our electoral system.

****Key Concerns:****

1. **Erosion of Voter Trust:**

- Allowing a politically appointed official to control ballot language can lead to biased interpretations that misrepresent the true intent of ballot measures. This undermines voters' trust in the electoral process.

2. **Potential for Political Manipulation:**

- History has shown that when political entities gain control over ballot language, there is a heightened risk of manipulation. This could result in misleading summaries that favor certain agendas or candidates, effectively disenfranchising voters.

3. **Lack of Accountability:**

- The courts have historically provided an impartial review of ballot language, ensuring that it accurately reflects the content of the measures. Shifting this responsibility to the Secretary of State removes a critical layer of accountability and oversight.

4. **Judicial Independence:**

- The separation of powers is a cornerstone of our democracy. This bill threatens judicial independence by placing ballot summary authority in the hands of an executive branch official, which could lead to conflicts of interest and further politicization of the electoral process.

5. **Public Confusion:**

- Voters deserve clear, unbiased information when casting their ballots. Politically influenced summaries could lead to confusion and misinterpretation of complex issues, ultimately affecting voter turnout and engagement.

****Conclusion:****

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the implications of this legislation. Instead, we should focus on maintaining an independent and transparent process for ballot summary formulation

that prioritizes the interests of Missouri voters.

Thank you for considering my testimony against this bill.



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Keep the initiative petition process. Majority rule is Missouri law.



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WITNESS NAME: AREN GINSBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill intentionally creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. It's outrageous that politicians are trying to restore Politicians' Right to Lie!



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: AUDREY GRACE MEADOWS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I submit this testimony in opposition to this bill.

It has become increasingly clear that the Missouri legislature is failing to honor the will of the people of Missouri. Since voters exercised their right to legalize abortion, there have been repeated efforts to weaken or circumvent that democratically expressed decision. This legislation represents another such effort.

Ballot summaries have historically served a nonpartisan purpose: to present voters with clear, neutral language so they can make informed decisions based on their own judgment. This practice is essential to maintaining public trust in the electoral process.

Allowing elected officials or other partisan actors to control the language of ballot summaries introduces a substantial risk of bias, ambiguity, and voter confusion. Rather than informing voters, such summaries may influence outcomes by framing initiatives in misleading or prejudicial ways.

A healthy democracy depends on transparency, fairness, and meaningful public participation. We should be strengthening voter confidence and removing barriers to engagement, not creating new ones. This bill undermines the integrity of Missouri's ballot process and weakens voters' ability to participate meaningfully in our state's democratic traditions.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to oppose this legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA BRUMLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters in Missouri deserve fair ballot summaries in order to exercise their right to direct democracy. The People's Initiative Process allows Missourians the right to make decisions about laws and policies that impact them. Politicians who attempt to circumvent this process to push their personal biases are anti-democratic.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA DRONEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I do not support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA LANNING		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: BARRY BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: BEATRICE PARWATIKAR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I find this action of being able to change language of a Ballot Summary Statements against the rights of the voter. We the voters are acting in a democratic way to carry out our rights and choices. I believe HB 3146 takes away my right to choose.



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WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN COWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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"I urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is a shameless attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional. Like SB22, HB3146 would sabotage the initiative petition process and purposely slow it down with a scheme allowing the Secy of State multiple attempts at writing ballot language that is deceptive, biased, and confusing. Voters deserve clear and unbiased ballot language to understand the measure. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in Missouri, and end these repeated attacks on the people's direct democracy. Vote NO on HB 3146."



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WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN KNOLL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill. HB3146 would limit courts' ability to step in after the judges rule ballot language deceptive, giving the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite summaries and delay the initiative petition process. Vote NO on this bill, it is undemocratic and un-American.



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WITNESS NAME: BETH MCMAHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I request the committee vote NO on HB 3146. This will silence voters.



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WITNESS NAME: BETSY VANDERHEYDEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 is just an attempt to replace SB 22, passed during the 2025 legislative session, which was just overturned by the Mo Supreme Court. It rejected SB 22 because it would prevent the court from fixing deceptive and misleading ballot language, allowing the Secretary of State to rewrite ballot summaries designed to trick or lie to voters.



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WITNESS NAME: BEVERLEY KLUTHE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Let Politicians Lie bills are NOT good for informed Missourians. Informed voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot inactive process for over 100 years. The People's Initiative Process gives Missourians the freedom to make informed decisions about policies that impact us and our families.



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WITNESS NAME: BILL MAUK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri residents are increasingly aware of the abuse of power by the current representatives and senators, and demand this bill and others seeking to override the voters be stopped, or we will work very hard to elect new representatives.



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WITNESS NAME: BILLIE J DERHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is dangerous. It plans to overrule the law. We see this happening all over the country, and this Missouri bill is just part of the attempt to tear down democracy and the rule of law. This is important. This bill should not go forward



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WITNESS NAME: BLISS ICKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WE KNOW WHAT WE VOTED FOR AND WE WON'T STOP FIGHTING FOR OUR RIGHTS!



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WITNESS NAME			
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WITNESS NAME: BRANDON CLAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: BREE ARCHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please stop trying to make it legal for politicians and Denny Hoskins to lie to the People of Missouri! The Missouri Supreme Court just struck down HB 22 UNANIMOUSLY and this is the same bill. If lying is the only way you can pass your agenda and legislation, it shouldn't be passed. The Missouri people deserve transparency, we deserve clear ballot language that isn't changed, and we deserve representatives who will actually listen to The People when we vote on things.



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WITNESS NAME: BRENDA L KOSARK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please know that I am vehemently opposed to this bill. I want truth in my government.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN WARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is simply trying to trick Missouri voters into giving up our rights.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: BRITTANY KIEFER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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My name is Brittany Kiefer. I am a voter from the city of St. Louis and I oppose HB3146 because Missouri politicians need to leave the initiative petition process alone. Stop trying to meddle with a process that has been working for Missouri voters for the last century. A similar bill was already ruled unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court. Leave it alone and do something productive for our state like fund public education and disability services. Missouri voters need the initiative petition process to ensure our voice is heard by legislators who repeatedly ignore the will of the people. Missourians have voted to protect the right to abortion. Respect our vote and respect our right to direct democracy. Fair ballot summaries are essential to fair elections.



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WITNESS NAME: BRITTANY RUSSELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Wow. Here we are again. Missourians just love paying republicans to do absolutely nothing but shit on us. (Sarcasm just in case republicans didn't pick up on that since they never listen to we the people.) This is the same shit, different day. This has already been ruled on by the Missouri Supreme Court. You have to be a special kind of stupid to continue your bullshit. We don't want any politician or government officials to have this power over us. We already know republicans like to be shady and try to pull fast ones on the people. We are done with these antics. Republicans have seem to forget their place. You work for Missourians so stop trying to consolidate your power to rule instead of govern. I oppose this bill...again.



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WITNESS NAME: BRYESEN COOPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots. Initiative petition gives Missourians their voice!



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This is wrong, we cannot push for bills like this. This is not what's best for us.



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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.



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WITNESS NAME: CARLA ANN DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Ballot language should be clear and easy to understand - not misleading



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WITNESS NAME: CARLA PRICE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Oppose HB 3146! I come from a long line of strong voters. My grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, siblings, and my children have all voted in every election since we were old enough to register. A very patriotic family, nearly always leaning towards the Republican Party. This bill is a slap in the face. Your support of this bill tells me that my family's voting rights do not matter. This bill creates challenges in our voting process and nearly eliminates our voices, the voices that we have had in Missouri for over a century. It appears as a grab for power; thus, you really do not want to represent my family, but rather represent only yourselves. Sadly, supporting this House Bill says a lot about who you are as our representatives.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL A. SCHREIBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 3146. The Secretary of State has not written acceptable ballot language on any Initiative Petitions, so we must have the courts intervene to ensure voters clearly understand what they are voting on. This bill allows the Secretary of State to put forth misleading ballot language that must be appealed to the courts. Then the Secretary of State can run out the clock on the courts and the absurd inaccurate and misleading ballot language can stay on the ballot. This unfair to Missouri voters and should not become law.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL G GILMORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill. We have had too much trouble in Missouri with Secretaries of State writing misleading ballot summaries. Some have been really outrageous; I think they push the envelope as far as they can get by with. They also use ballot summary challenges to run down the clock on the time available to inform voters about what the bill will actually do. Please vote against this bill!



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I urge you to oppose this bill because voters deserve fair ballot summaries, These summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

2) HB3146 could also create impossible delays that would harm the ability to educate voters about a ballot measure.

3) If SB22 became law when courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court would have to send it back to the Secretary of State or state legislature to rewrite MANY times, causing unnecessary delays.

4) Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.
Politicians DO NOT have the right to lie!



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL HUNT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri HB 3146 is basically the same as SB 22 (which was just ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court.) Both were designed to enable the legislature to write ballot summaries in biased and deceptive language.

HB 3146 would prohibit courts from re-writing ballot summary language that the court finds to be insufficient or unfair (as they can now), but rather requires the court to send it back to the Secretary of State - up to three additional times - to redraft. Only if after those additional drafts remain unfair can the court rewrite the insufficient ballot summary language. Thus, opening the door to increased politicization of ballot measure language by stopping courts from striking and rewriting language the court finds to be illegally unfair or insufficient.

Voters have a right to know what they're voting for. That's the reason Missouri law mandates that ballot language voters see must be fair. HB 3146 subverts that process.

HB 3146 shortens window for conclusions to ballot language challenges, requiring them to be fully adjudicated 2 weeks earlier than current law (70 days before Election Day instead of the current 56 days before Election Day). Allowing political actors to keep drafting biased or confusing language in order to run out the clock and stall signature gathering and certification of measures, to undermine the democratic process.

Violates separation of powers. Courts should have the ability to remedy misleading language that violates Missouri law rather than sending it back to the drafter of that infirm language.

Vote NO on HB 3146.



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This bill is absolutely horrendous. I am sick of hearing that lawmakers know more about what we the people want than we do!! Our lawmakers are supposed to represent US! Here in Missouri we seem to do things differently. Overturning the will of the people against and again. This bill will rob citizens of Missouri of their rights to fair representation in the government. The initiative petition process has worked for Missouri for over 100 years. These proposed changes to the process now are a blatant power grab by politicians and an attempt to silence the people of Missouri. The simple majority of Missouri voters is enough to pass laws, it is something I would hope you would familiarize yourselves with, a system called democracy. Oppose this horrendous bill and the tremendous harm it would do to Missouri voters.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROLE WEBSTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE CHAPMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This is similar to the bill just overturned by the court. We don't need trickery introduced to our bills !
We need straightforward language in all dialog so ALL people know what they are voting for it against !
If something needs to be disguised in language to have it passed it is FRAUDULENT and shouldn't be
on the ballot at all !**



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WITNESS NAME: CATHERINE KAISER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB3146 stops courts from re-writing initiative petition ballot summary language that the court has found to be insufficient or unfair, until after the SOS has three additional opportunities to re-write; but shortens the window in which the challenge must be finalized, allowing partisan actors to run out the clock and manipulate wording on ballot measures thus promoting unclear ballot information and therefore not allowing for free and fair elections of the people, by the people and for the people.



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WITNESS NAME: CATHLEEN SCHMIDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: CHAD SILKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is just another attempt for this state's legislature and executive branch to mislead the public and ignore the will of the people. Reject this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARMAGNE SCHNEIDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in opposition to HB 3146 because it undermines the will of the people and undermines the initiative petition process.

I, along with many of my friends, collected hundreds of signatures to pass Amendment 3. Just two weeks ago a court overruled a similar or identical attempt to thwart the initiative petition process and clear ballot language.

I urge you and the members of your committee to vote no.



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Missourians voted to overturn Missouri's abortion ban by Constitutional Amendment. Missouri courts have found in favor of Amendment 3 and against multiple attempts to overturn it and to write laws that deliberately mislead voters.

Please vote against HB 3146



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL ANN MEADE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Missouri citizens need to be provided honest, truthful, and easily understood ballot language.
Legislation should be geared to one item per ballot question.**



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL L CHEEK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The so-called “Let Politicians Lie” bills are not about election integrity. They are a direct response to voters exercising their constitutional right to legalize abortion through the initiative petition process—and to the courts enforcing the requirement that ballot language be fair, accurate, and not misleading.

For more than a century, Missouri voters have relied on clear, nonpartisan ballot summaries to make informed decisions at the polls. These summaries are not a technical detail; they are essential to the legitimacy of direct democracy. When ballot language is deceptive, it undermines voter trust and compromises the integrity of the outcome.

The initiative petition process exists precisely because it gives Missourians a direct voice when the General Assembly is unresponsive to the will of the people. It is a constitutional safeguard, not a loophole—and it has served our state well for over 100 years.

Legislation that weakens this process or allows misleading ballot language does not strengthen democracy; it diminishes it. Missourians expect their elected officials to respect voters’ decisions, uphold fair processes, and protect the constitutional tools that allow citizens to participate directly in shaping policy that affects their families and communities.

Preserving honest ballot summaries and a functional initiative process is not a partisan issue. It is a co



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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS GARLIT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Do not support this bill. People in our state deserve fair, plain ballot language. The summaries are critical for our elections. Allowing this change can particularly affect elderly voters and their understanding of the measures on the ballot before them



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE BOSTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing in opposition to HB 3146 because it goes against the will of Missouri voters. The initiative process is enshrined in our Constitution. It should remain as it allows Missourians to have a voice and change laws when politicians won't listen. Shame on the politicians who support this bill because you demonstrate that you believe your constituent are stupid and incapable of thinking for themselves!



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE WALLACH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 makes changes to the way ballot summary statements are made and clarified. It takes away the important idea of checks and balances. It creates a time factor that impedes the process of creating ballot language that is impartial and informs voters. The current Secretary of State has said that he has written ballot language that is not informative about the issue that will be on the ballot. This is an attempt to solve a problem that does not exist. I therefore am sending this in opposition to HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY MUELLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This kind of activity is what gives politicians a bad name. Stop trying to MISLEAD voters with poor ballot language. Be willing to fight for your positions without trickery. Shame on anyone supporting this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY S WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Fair ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's democracy. We are all pro democracy, right?



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WITNESS NAME: CLIVE ROBERT MEDLIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The supreme court of Missouri has already struck down one attempt at changing our ballot language laws. I do not support another waste of tax payer resources and government time ramming another doomed to fail law through.

Missouri citizens deserve fair and honest ballot language, that's plain to read and easy to understand. I reject any attempt to interfere with our ballot language and unfairly sway the peoples vote.



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WITNESS NAME: COLBY KELLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed. I want clear and fair language on ballot initiatives and I want politicians to respect the will of the voters.



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WITNESS NAME: COLLEEN TEPEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 represents a renewed attempt to advance the substance of SB 22, which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. The bill undermines the integrity of the initiative petition process by altering established rules in response to outcomes the sponsor disagrees with, rather than respecting the will of voters. As written, it risks manipulating the democratic process and weakening Missourians' constitutional right to direct citizen-led initiatives.



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WITNESS NAME: COLLIN BRICE CARTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Clear ballot language and the ability to challenge and adjudicate misleading language is essential to preserve a functioning democracy that earnestly and honestly represents the will of the people. Any attempt to politicize the ballot language process is a blatant admission that our representatives do not have our best interests at heart or in mind. I am firmly opposed to any bill that will create obstacles or impediments to the people's voice having the power which has historically been granted it by the state of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: CONNIE FICKEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. This bill attempts to revive SB 22, a law the Missouri Supreme Court overturned just three weeks ago.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.



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WITNESS NAME: CONNIE JEAN MIHALEVICH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Missouri House Bill 3146.

For more than 100 years, Missouri's initiative petition process has served as a vital tool for everyday citizens to participate directly in our democracy. When elected officials fail to act or refuse to listen, this process ensures that voters — not politicians — have the final say. HB 3146 threatens that balance.

This bill would confuse voters into giving away their rights by politicizing a process that should remain fair, transparent, and citizen-driven. By making it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries, HB 3146 undermines one of the most important safeguards voters have: clear, accurate language that allows them to make informed decisions at the ballot box.

Fair ballot summaries are not optional — they are essential. They are the foundation of Missouri's long-standing tradition of direct democracy. Allowing misleading or biased summaries to stand unchallenged erodes public trust and weakens the integrity of elections.

HB 3146 would also create unnecessary delays that could severely limit the time available to educate voters about ballot measures. These delays would not improve transparency; instead, they would restrict public understanding and participation.

Finally, majority rule has been Missouri law for more than a century. This principle reflects the core value of democracy: the will of the people should prevail. HB 3146 moves Missouri away from that tradition and places more power in the hands of politicians rather than voters.

Missourians deserve a system that empowers citizens, not one that makes it harder for their voices to be heard. I urge you to oppose HB 3146 and protect the initiative petition process that has served our state for generations.

Respectfully,
Connie J. Mihalevich



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WITNESS NAME: CRISTEN MATHEWS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Hello, my name is Cristen Mathews and I'm a homeowner in St. Louis City. I am writing a testimony in opposition to HB 3146 for the following reasons:

- This bill seems to have been made in bad faith to retaliate against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.
- Missouri voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years
- When politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, the IP process allows Missourians to push for the change they need directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

Please reconsider this bill for the sake of all MO voters, Republicans, Democrats, Libertarians, and Green Party alike.

Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA HEDRICK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters deserve clear and fair ballot summaries because they are foundational to Missouri's 100-plus-year history of direct democracy. The Initiative Petition process exists precisely to give Missourians the freedom to make decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities when politicians refuse to listen. For more than a century, Missourians across the political spectrum have relied on a non-partisan initiative process as a direct path to participation in our democracy. HB3146 threatens that legacy by weakening the very tools voters use to hold power accountable. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore the will of the people, the Initiative Petition process allows Missourians to stand up and demand change. Undermining that process is an attack on Missouri voters themselves — and it should be rejected



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA KAY CART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am writing to request that this bill NOT be passed for these reasons:

So that voters will understand what they are voting on, ballot summaries must be clearly worded. There should be no intent to mislead voters either for or against.

This proposed law could cause unreasonable and unnecessary delays if the courts find that the summary language is flawed. Rather than the court rewriting it, it could be sent back to the Secretary of State up to three times and impact time needed to inform voters about the ballot measure.



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It's disturbing to live in a state where our elected officials blatantly and unethically use trickery, deception and outright lies to influence the outcome at the ballot box, and when that doesn't work, resort to spending millions our tax dollars to undo what we voted for (or against).

The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes.

The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that affect us. Missouri voters have relied on the initiative process for more than a hundred years but now, politicians whose personal agendas are out of alignment with the majority of the voters think that the way to get around this inconvenience is to lie and deceive.

Less than 3 weeks ago, the Missouri Supreme Court unanimously struck down Senate Bill 22. But here you are, again, trying to remove the voters from a process that has been in place for generations.

These continued attacks on the people of Missouri are wasteful and shameful. The initiative petition process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy and is, today more than ever, an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA SCHROEDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please vote NO on HB3146 . Missouri voices matter, stop over throwing our vote. Stop corrupting the ballot. Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA STRONG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DANA MALLORY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Missourians have voted in the majority to keep abortion legal and safe. Stop trying to circumvent the will of voters! Abortion is a healthcare need and I do not want my, my daughters and my granddaughters rights taken away!



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WITNESS NAME: DANICA WORNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL MEADOWS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Missourians deserve fair, clear, easy to understand ballot language. Missouri democracy values an avenue for direct citizen voices to speak. Your job is to hear the people, so listen to our voices. Anything less is deceptive and disrespectful to Missourians. Vote against trickery and deception. Vote against this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL SCHRAMM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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My name is Daniel Schramm. I am a resident of the 89th District in St. Louis County. I am a retired lawyer. I wish to express my strong opposition to any effort to revise the initiative referendum process. This process has served for many decades as an opportunity for voters to express their displeasure with what the legislature has done. The legislature needs to respect the will of the voters and not to take away their fundamental right under the Missouri Constitution and state law.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. Misleading voters goes against the very purpose of elected representatives! The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVA-LEIGH BRUSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This was a bad idea as SB22. MSC agreed. It's a bad idea now. Please just let us have fair elections. Seriously. Just stop.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVE WEBSTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Clear, brief and to the point wording in a ballot measure ensures voters understand exactly what they are voting for or against, so they can make informed choices that match their views. This bill would allow the opposite by tolerating too many long revisions, possibly causing confusion that could distort the outcome.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID POKORNY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: DEANNA BROWN-REITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri's House Bill 3146 (HB 3146) is written with the assumption that Missouri voters are not smart enough to understand the language of bills they are voting on and that only the Secretary of State and other MO politicians are smart enough to determine what's "best" for Missourians. This even appears to apply to issues that Missouri voters have PASSED, but elected officials don't agree with, as occurred last year with Amendment 3. This particular ballot language was written and approved by the Secretary of State before being printed on the ballot. It was only after it was legally passed, by a wide majority of Missourians, that conservative legislators decided to contest the ballot language. HB 3146 is no more than a power grab and an attempt to moralize voting issues that state legislators don't align with.



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WITNESS NAME: DEANNA DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process is key to democracy in Missouri. Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years and we don't need politicians trying to trick voters with inaccurate or misleading ballot summaries.



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The voters of Missouri have the right to know **EXACTLY** what they are really voting on - no deceptive or misleading summaries. Politicians should have a **LEGAL** obligation to provide truth and fair language to disclose their true agenda. Only then are elections legitimate. Doing otherwise only causes unnecessary, complicated, and expensive challenges. Politicians are elected to represent all of their constituents - not to pursue their own interests.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH LUTZKY ALLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries.			



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH MOODY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Removes voter's power to understand and clearly vote their choice. Allows misleading ballot language which may even violate the constitution.



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I am a Missouri citizen opposed to this bill.

Opens the door to increased politicization of ballot measure language by stopping courts from striking and rewriting language the court finds to be illegally unfair or insufficient.

Voters have a right to know what they're voting for. That's the reason Missouri law mandates that ballot language voters see must be fair. This legislation subverts that process.

Allows political actors to keep drafting biased or confusing language in order to run out the clock and stall signature gathering and certification of measures, creating a near total chilling effect.

By giving SOS time for three additional tries to draft fair ballot language; while simultaneously reducing the time by when ballot language challenges must be finalized, it allows political actors to stall the process and run out the clock with unfair language.

Violates separation of powers. Courts should have the ability to remedy misleading language that violates Missouri law rather than sending it back to the drafter of that infirm language.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBRA CHANDLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Residents of the state of Missouri have already let the Legislature know that they want access to abortion care and the Legislature should respect the choice of the voters. Government should not dictate healthcare choices for citizens.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBRA JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Majority rule for ballot language has worked well for 100 years. Quit trying to make it difficult for voters!!!



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- HB3146 would politicize the process and make it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries.
- Fair ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- The bill could create long delays that make it harder to educate voters about ballot measures.
- Majority rule has been Missouri law for over 100 years.

Undermining the will of the voters is unAmerican and unacceptable.



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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in Opposition to HB 3146, which would contravene the balance of powers by preventing courts from immediately remedying illegally insufficient ballot language, and would incentivize political actors to run out the clock, allowing unfair ballot language to stand. Missouri voters deserve fair ballot language and deserve to know what they are voting for, without political bias. That's the reason Missouri law mandates fair and sufficient ballot language.

The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is Missouri's statewide nonpartisan network of voter advocates who work to advance the right to vote for all Missouri citizens through policy advocacy, strategic litigation, voter education and Election Protection.

HB 3146 is the latest attempt to implement SB22 (2025), which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. HB 3146:

- * Stops a court from re-writing ballot summary language that it to be legally insufficient or unfair, but rather requires the court to send it back to the Secretary of State - up to three additional times - to redraft.
- * Only if after the Secretary of State's three additional drafts are determined to be unfair can the court rewrite the insufficient ballot summary language, but only if completed before the deadline for final adjudication.
- * Shortens window for challenging ballot title language, requiring them to be fully adjudicated 2 weeks earlier than current law. (Reducing the timeframe for final adjudication from 56 days before Election Day to 70 days before Election Day). Such challenges will be "extinguished" if not adjudicated by that point, reverting back to the original language, unless the court grants an extension for good cause.
- * Requires ballot title language challenges to be filed in Cole County no later than 22 weeks before election day.
- * Increases word count for ballot summary statements from 50 words to 100 words.

Separation of Powers

First, the measure contravenes the separation of powers. The separation of powers between the legislative, judicial and executive branches ensure necessary checks and balances, allowing courts to correct legally flawed language proposed by the legislature or Secretary of State (in the case of citizen

initiatives). Courts should continue to retain their authority to edit the language of summary statements the Court concludes - based on evidence - to violate Missouri law.

Missouri law requires initiative summary language to be fair and sufficient. Currently, if a court finds that the summary language is unfair or insufficient, it redrafts the summary language to meet legal requirements. Blocking a court's ability to remedy insufficient language and giving that duty back to the political actor who drafted the original infirm language in the first place, over-politicizes the process. Giving the Secretary of State up to four bites at the apple only further incentivizes drafting language designed more for political gain than voter fairness, to keep the measures stuck in court.

Timeframe is Not Workable

Second, the bill's truncated timeframe for final adjudication of ballot summary challenges only exacerbates the incentives for the Secretary of State to draft language with political gain, rather than voter fairness, in mind. By reducing the timeframe for final resolution of ballot language challenges, while simultaneously expanding the time the case remains in court under 116.190 RSMO by giving the Secretary of State three additional opportunities to revise the language, including a statutory timeframe for those additional drafts and time for the court to review - can run out the clock for final adjudication before those pieces are complete. Under the bill's truncated competition time, if case is still ongoing 70 days before Election Day (two weeks earlier than currently required), the case is "extinguished," meaning it will be dismissed at this time, and the original language when the challenge was filed will stand.

In short, the bill's timeframe doesn't work. The timeframes afforded the bill take longer than the date for the bill's final adjudication date 10 weeks before Election Day. Even more, it falls far short of the Initiative Petition Circulation deadline, which occurs 13 weeks before Election Day. (116.150 RSMO).

The result will be an ongoing merry-go-round between the SOS's office and the courts - particularly where a proposal is of political interest to the Secretary, leaving voters with no remedy for misleading ballot language. This is not Chapter 116's fair and sufficient ballot language requirement is designed to do. Unfortunately, we've seen the ballot summary language process weaponized in recent years and it is important to ensure the courts can continue to remedy unfair language so that voters know what they are voting on, without bias.

Missouri voters deserve fair ballot language. The section of the law this bill amends is intended to ensure that Missourians know what they are voting for - without bias or misleading language. This is why our checks and balances have allowed courts to ensure that the language voters see is FAIR. Missouri voters deserve no less. ?

For the foregoing reasons, we urge the committee to vote NO on HB 3146.

Sincerely,
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I strongly oppose Section 116.190 giving the Secretary of State three additional opportunities to rewrite ballot language even after a court has already ruled the language insufficient or unfair. Under normal circumstances, this would be troubling enough. But the concern is heightened because, in recent litigation, the current Secretary of State admitted publicly to drafting misleading ballot language to a recent citizen-initiated measure.

A system that allows the Secretary of State to rewrite ballot language three separate times before a court is allowed to step in creates an obvious risk: it gives one officeholder multiple opportunities to delay, obstruct, or influence the process, even after a judge has already ruled the language insufficient or unfair.

No matter who holds the office, no single official should have that much control over the timing or content of ballot titles. The initiative process depends on efficiency, neutrality, and public trust. Section 116.190 undermines all three by allowing repeated rounds of revision that can slow down the courts, push deadlines to the brink, and create opportunities for strategic delay.

The public deserves a process that works cleanly and transparently. When a court identifies a legal flaw in ballot language, the priority should be fixing it — not giving the same official multiple additional attempts to rewrite it. Missouri's system should be designed to prevent bottlenecks, not create them.

No system should depend on the restraint of a single official. It should be designed to prevent misuse, not enable it. Missouri's initiative process works best when it is efficient, neutral, and transparent. Section 116.190 moves in the opposite direction.



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To the members of the committee,
I oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional.

When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions. This isn't the first time legislators have used confusing language purposefully. Ballot wording was strategically crafted to confuse voters recently about ranked choice voting by baiting the voter.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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With all of the resources available to the Missouri Secretary of State, including that of other branches of state government, one attempt at writing a ballot summary should be sufficient for any kind of ballot. Make honesty and integrity prevail.



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The Initiative Petition process has been part of participatory democracy in Missouri for over 100 years. The voters of Missouri deserve clear and fair ballot summaries in order that they may vote in a well-informed manner on issues that affect them and their families. We urge the committee to vote NO on HB 3146.



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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.



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HB3146 creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure proposed by the General Assembly or via citizen initiative. Missourians deserve fair and unbiased ballot summaries. They deserve clear ballot language in order to know what they are voting on.

This bill is a shameless attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional.



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Our congressmen and women need to stop trying to take away Missouri voters constitutional right to reject laws and regulations we do not agree with. These constant efforts to overturn the will of the people is wrong and you all know it. Just stop.



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I am strongly opposed to any legislation that confuses voters and makes it harder for our voices to be heard! Why do you continue to try to overturn the will of the people? You work for us your constituents - not big business or the corrupt regime in DC!!



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The will of your voters is greater than the sum of your efforts to suppress us. Kindly remember for whom you work.



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This bill increases political influence over ballot measure language by preventing courts from correcting language they find unfair or unclear. Voters have a right to know exactly what they're voting on, which is why Missouri law requires fair ballot language. But this bill stops that process, letting biased language be used. It also adds more drafting attempts by the Secretary of State, reducing the time for finalizing challenges, and allowing opponents to delay the process with misleading language. It disrupts the separation of powers, since courts should fix misleading language-not just send it back to be redrafted.



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I believe in democracy. Legislatures job is to serve the people. HB 3146 enable legislatures from doing the will of the people by blocking their voices.



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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 3146 on behalf of Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action.

Politicians across the country, and here in Missouri, are increasingly trying to confuse voters and manipulate the rules of our democracy to advance partisan agendas. HB 3146 is part of that pattern. While presented as a procedural change, this bill would undermine Missouri's century-old initiative petition process and make it harder for voters to directly shape the policies that impact their lives, families, and communities.

When lawmakers in Jefferson City ignore the will of the people, especially on issues like reproductive freedom, health care access, and bodily autonomy, Missourians deserve a direct path to take action. The initiative petition process provides that pathway. HB 3146 would politicize this process by creating unnecessary, complicated delays when ballot summary language is challenged, slowing voter education efforts and threatening whether measures make it onto the ballot at all.

Voters deserve fair and accurate ballot summaries. Instead of allowing courts to promptly correct flawed language, this bill would force repeated rewrites through political offices, creating endless delay and opening the door to abuse. That is not transparency, it's obstruction.

For more than 100 years, majority rule and direct democracy have been core Missouri values. HB 3146 weakens those principles and strips power from voters at a moment when Missourians need more democracy, not less.

For these reasons, Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action strongly urges this committee to oppose HB 3146.



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I strongly oppose HB 3146. We've seen this before and with the SOS demonstration on five (I think) separate ballot language summaries, the SOS has shown to apparently be incapable or unwilling to write fair and sufficient language. One has to question – why is this? This is a highly experienced, educated person in a very important position with competent staff, yet continues to seemingly fail at following the current law for fair and sufficient ballot language. So terrible at this task, the SOS office has admitted the language was misleading in a recent court case. It would seem these recent examples provided by passage of SB 22 and the failure of the Office of SOS to provide fair ballot language would deem this is not a task for the SOS office to have multiple opportunities which wastes precious time and funds of all involved. Perhaps SB 22 was a good “test” to prove the SOS should not have this multi-try, time-taking very expensive authority. Moving forward, I do not advocate for the SOS to have this authority, no matter who is elected. It appears this is not a good fit for the SOS office. In summary, it is imperative that neutral judges have the ability to oversee and if necessary, correct and edit unfair, misleading, or deceptive ballot language without having to “let politicians lie” three times before performing the task themselves.

The MO Supreme Court struck down SB 22 unanimously and given the importance of the judicial branch and their schedule for many important cases, forcing the court to review and give opinions multiple times due to the inability of the SOS to follow the law is unreasonable.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on this misguided bill.



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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Why do Republicans need to lie? Why do Republicans need to cheat to win? This has already been struck down by the MO Supreme Court. If the SOS can't figure out the proper language im 3 times, then he shouldn't be in his position. Why nit be honest with voters and let them know EXACTLY what they are voting on?! Stop lying to your voters!



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This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements. Missouri has a history of misleading summary statements that have been rectified only through action by courts. It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading in order for voters to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes. Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays. This would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure.



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I have worked on and supported many initiative petitions in my time living in Missouri, and each one has supported the democratic voice of the public. Initiatives give us the freedom to make decisions that matter to us, without the invasive government oversight that doesn't understand our experiences. This is critical to our democracy! What you're proposing makes an unnecessary and complicated process...and misleads people in what they are voting on.



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Voters voices should be heard. This bill does the opposite. Each of you were voted to act on behalf of the constituents of this state not yourselves.



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This is designed to subvert, delay and erode the fundamental people's right to petition, a crucial safeguard. Follow our state motto and say no to this bill.



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Our initiative petition process should be handled in a nonpartisan way. This bill allows for deceit and partisan political theatre. Respect the initiative petition process because voters deserve fair ballot summaries.



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The goal of this bill is to cheat and I would have hoped Missouri's elected officials were above this, but apparently not. To be honest, all initiative petitions should have clear, factual and simple descriptive language so that everyone can understand it. Anything other than that would be deceptive. Therefore, I'm against HB3146.



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I have in the past voted against or for legislation only to find out later that my vote was actually opposite what I intended. Wording should be crystal clear, a YES is for and a NO is against a ballot measure.



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I'm writing to oppose the attacks against the initiative process. The Let Politicians Lie bills have been created just to try to overturn the people's will - the people of Missouri voted to legalize abortion.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

Please oppose the Let Politicians Lie bill; it is trying to rewrite the initiative petition process to give the Secretary of State more power than the people. Not only is that unfair to the people who make their will known through votes, it is also unconstitutional.



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To: Committee Members,

I oppose HB136. This bill promotes policy that is unconstitutional. Missouri's Election System should protect voters first. Our elected officials should not be seeking to create a system that makes it a challenge to vote. Creating ballot language that is ambiguous, confusing and/or misleading is VOTER SUPPRESSION. Public trust in our government is dwindling. I am losing all of my trust. Any bill passed should ensure ballots are simple, easy to read, with clear and concise language. Any language that is NOT clear and concise is attempting to fool the voter and alter the outcome of an election.

I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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My name is Emily Stoinski, and I am a registered Missouri voter. I am writing today in opposition to HB 3146. I am opposed to this legislation because it allows for individuals to sway voters thru lies, including misleading language. Our initiative process has always been a mechanism for Missouri voters to make their voices heard when politicians have subverted their will. Not every petition will be popular. For example, I am someone who voted against the ballot initiative on sports betting. However, I have had to concede that I was not with the majority, and that is okay! It is imperative to preserve this not just for the now, but for the future citizens of Missouri. Protect your constituents by blocking this legislation.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION		TITLE: IMPACT STRATEGIST - POLICY	
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February 10, 2026

Missouri House Elections Committee
201 W Capitol Ave
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Re: Health Forward Foundation opposition to House Bill 3146: Modifying provisions for ballot summary statements

Chair Reedy and Members of the House Elections Committee:

On behalf of Health Forward Foundation (Health Forward), I submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 3146, which would modify the procedure for ballot summary statements. Health Forward is a public health foundation focused on advancing equitable health care access and outcomes. Ballot initiatives give everyday citizens a voice in shaping what becomes law. It is proof that real power in a democracy doesn't end with voting, it lives with the people. This matters, in part, because of the 534 measures passed nationwide between 2014 and 2023, 76% of citizen-initiated measures and 60% of legislature-initiated measures were health related. Thus, access to this process plays a significant role in shaping health policy in ballot initiative states, including Missouri. Everyday citizens turn collective public will into action, ensuring government remains accountable to those it serves.

In a study by the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, 71% of Missouri voters were opposed to the state legislature limiting the ballot initiative process. HB 3146 would increase the word limit for ballot summaries from 50 words to 100 words. This increase would enable summaries to be crafted with language that distracts and misleads voters. This bill would also give the Secretary of State three opportunities to write ballot summary language before a court can intervene and write the summary – a process that has recently proven to lend to delay and prejudice, and was acknowledged as such by the Secretary of State.

HB 3146 would further complicate the process to produce ballot titles and summary statements that fairly and accurately represent the ballot measure. The ballot title and summary process directly influence voters' perception of the ballot measure and, therefore, influences policy that shapes the health and well-being of Missourians.

Health Forward asks Members of the Committee to vote no on HB 3146. Missourians deserve to be presented with ballot language that is clear and accurate as they make important choices about policy that impacts their health and well-being. Please contact eshankland@healthforward.org if you have any questions or would like additional resources.

**Sincerely,
Emma Shankland
Impact Strategist – Policy
Health Forward Foundation**



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Voters have a right to know the truth! Vote no on this bill!



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HB 3146 is the latest version of the "Let Politicians Lie Act." So much for checks and balances ... The Missouri Supreme Court already ruled against this cynical power-grab once. Independent Missourians, like me, are paying attention. We are exhausted by the petty, partisan games that too many hyper-partisan politicians are playing. You are blatantly putting your party, and your temporary power above the good people of Missouri, and above our Constitution. This Bill is an embarrassment to Missouri, and to the very small minority of politicians who know that just power is derived from the people. You should listen to an obey the Missouri Supreme Court, just like the rest of us.

Sincerely,



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Country belongs to the people, not politicians



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I strongly oppose HB 3146. Neither Republicans or Democrats should write ballot language to manipulate voters. If you have to lie to get support then you are not acting in the best interest of the people of MO. Your first priority should be to represent us, not push the agenda of your party or donors. You also should not be silencing our voice by restricting citizen led ballot measures or overturning initiatives that we have voted for. Again, it is your duty is to represent the people of MO. That means ALL of the people, even those with views you do not agree with. If that is not what you are in office to do, then resign.



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Missourians need fair and understandable ballot summaries. This bill will have a negative impact on all Missouri voters and cater to the politicians.



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Article 1, Section 1, Mo Constitution states, "That all political power is vested in and derived from the people; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole."

HB 3146 is a clear overreach by the executive branch (Secretary of State) upsetting the balance of power with the judiciary. The victim is citizens' ability for direct democratic action by initiative petition. Please choose to play fairly and abandon this approach.



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I oppose HB 3146 because it weakens protections for voters and undermines trust in our democratic process. After the Missouri Supreme Court overturned SB 22 for allowing deceptive ballot language, this bill attempts to revive the same harmful approach by limiting the courts' ability to step in and by giving the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite misleading summaries.

Voters deserve clear, honest ballot language, not political manipulation or delay tactics. HB 3146 shifts power away from the people and erodes accountability.

For these reasons, I urge lawmakers to reject this bill.



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Politicians' Right to Lie Act?

This bill attempts to revive SB 22, a law the Missouri Supreme Court overturned just three weeks ago.

HB 3146 would limit courts' ability to step in after judges rule ballot language deceptive, giving the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite summaries and delay the initiative petition process



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A waste of our taxpayer dollars to further the cause of making the citizens voices go unheard and more correctly muted by a certain party that likes to force unpopular legislation on the citizens. We are tired of our voices being drowned out by lobbyist and federal interest we don't want in our state. Our rights are being taken, and this further complicates our ability to challenge it



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Increasing ballot summary word count from 50 to 100 words will lead to more confusing ballot language. More words does not necessarily mean better, in fact it can muddy the waters. I oppose any changes to this process.



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WITNESS NAME: GETTA R. HALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**“NO” ON HB-3146
(THE RE-VAMPED SB-22 – “LET POLITICIANS LIE”,
THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT OVER-TURNED)**

I have been a taxpayer and registered voter for 50+ years. I gathered signatures for Missouri Jobs with Justice for Proposition A, the Healthy Families Initiative that passed in 2024. It established the \$15/hour minimum wage with cost-of-living adjustment and paid sick leave.

On this 250th anniversary of our founding, we celebrate brave men and women who made and make this country what it is. Hopefully, it remains a representative form of government that honors the “will of the people” in a democratic republic. Our independence from England was established based on “no taxation without representation”.

The oath of office you took requires you to support the Constitution of the both the United States and Missouri and to perform your duties faithfully against all enemies, foreign and domestic. You made a solemn promise. It ended with “So, help me God.”

The US Constitution establishes 3 distinct branches of government – the
(1.) legislative (making laws),
(2.) executive (enforcing laws) and
(3.) judicial (interpreting laws).

This separation of powers is detailed in Articles 1 - 3 respectively. It is a key principle ensuring no single branch becomes too powerful and that a system of checks and balances is in play.

The Missouri Legislature's passage of SB-22 removed the guardrails against the legislature's deceptive ballot titles and language. HJR-73's summary does not say it re-instates Missouri's abortion ban with limited exceptions in opposition to Amendment 3, the pro-choice citizen's initiative which passed in 2024. Additionally, SB-22 complicates the judicial oversight (editing) process by tremendously slowing it down.

Even more troubling, SB-22 allows the legislature to re-open cases the court has already decided.

It was challenged and ultimately overturned by the same court (judicial branch) it attempted to neutralize. SB-22 is a blatant attempt to promote “ballot candy” in bills presented to the populace and the General Assembly. It would make the citizens' initiative process, which has been in place for over a

century, exponentially more difficult and practically unworkable.

HB-3146 attempts to revive SB 22, a law overturned just three weeks ago by the Missouri Supreme Court. HB 3146 would limit courts' ability to step in after judges rule ballot language deceptive, giving the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite summaries and significantly delay the initiative petition process. Its sub-title is "LET POLITICIANS LIE".

JUST SAY, "NO"!

Yours in Christ,

Sis. Getta ("Geeta") R. Hall

"G" as in "GLORY" / "Hall" as in "HALLELUJAH"

- Petition Signature Gatherer – MO JwJ (Missouri Jobs with Justice)
- Member - MOVPC (MO Voter Protection Coalition)
- Golden Life Member - NAACP

Cc: MO JwJ, MOVPC, NAACP



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Hello, here are a few reasons I am against this bill as a resident of the City of St. Louis.

- The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.
- HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.
- Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years

Thank you,
Gillian



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Takes away MO residents' power. This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements



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I oppose this bill. Voters have a right to know what they're voting for.



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You tell us what each bill installed & what it is going to do. If a bill passes you Bastards pass it & abide to it.



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WITNESS NAME: HALEY WEIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The sole purpose of government in this country is to enact the will of the people. The right to vote and make our voices known is one of the key features that make up the backbone of our nation. Circumventing the will of the people because politicians like to think we are too uneducated or stupid to know what we want, and that they know better what is best for us is unacceptable. We must have a process to enforce our will when the people chosen to represent us fail to do so.



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OPPOSE HB 3146

This bill sends the message that you do not care that the voters, the same folks who put you in office, get deceived by confusing, verbose, and complex bill summaries that the 100-word count allows. I'm offended that you want to deceive us! This bill says that you do not care about our voices, as it disqualifies signatures obtained before the Secretary of State certifies the official ballot title and demands that signatures for statutory initiative petitions be completed and filed in a narrow timeframe. It's obvious that the goal of this bill is to hand over "Missouri" to whichever party has control in our capital at that time, rather than allow Missourians to have a voice. This bill obliterates the way our Missouri voices have been heard for over a century. Keep Missouri in the hands of all Missourians. Oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: HAROLD JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Clear, concise language is a requirement for all effective communication. Language that doesn't meet this criteria, and whose purpose is to confuse the recipient, is not a valid way to develop legislation!



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We the voters of Missouri have the right to oppose our legislature and get measures on the ballot if the majority rules. Also, it is NOT okay for the legislature to ignore the will of the people once we have voted.



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The initiative petition process provides Missourians a tool to participate in our democracy just as the referendum process gives citizens recourse to exercise our right to vote. Both are essential elements of Missouri's 100 plus years of democracy. I oppose any and all efforts to undermine them.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri voters should understand what they are voting on. This bill gives the Secretary of State the ability to write completely inaccurate and misleading ballot language and then stall the resulting back and forth court process to run out the clock and force the inaccurate and misleading ballot language before voters. The back and forth process between the courts and the secretary of state also wastes taxpayer dollars through additional legal fees. Additionally the bill violates the systems of checks and balances between the different branches of government. I urge you to reject this harmful bill.



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I oppose.



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.



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WITNESS NAME: HOWARD FENSTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose all legislation that empowers the Secretary of State or any other public official to continually twist the language and intent of ballot initiatives in ways that are deliberately misleading and dishonest. Three tries is too many tries. It seems to suggest that there should be multiple opportunities to allow for some twisting of ballot language when whoever is responsible for writing it ought to have the integrity to get it right the first time, consulting in good faith with the sponsors of the initiative or referendum if need be. If that fails then the courts should step in. Judges are more immune from political pressure.

Did not the Missouri Supreme Court recently strike down the similar existing law as unconstitutional? Is it not unreasonable to expect that 3146 will likewise be the subject of court challenges if enacted? Should not all of our state laws be passed with the assurance that they will meet or exceed the requirements of constitutionality?

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony and please oppose continued attempts to manipulate ballot language like 3146.



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As legislators, YOU SERVE at the will of the voters. When voters pass a ballot issue, it is NOT your job to tell us we didn't know what we were doing so you need to over ride our will! STOP overturning what voters want!



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This bill limits the people's voice



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WITNESS NAME: JACOB OHLHAUSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 introduces changes to ballot summary statements and the process of challenging them that will increase confusion and complexity. Nobody is asking for this except those who wish to limit the voice of the people and manipulate the process to increase their own wealth and power.



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HB 3146 is an attack on the Missouri voter.

That you would dare put to the Missouri House of Representatives such an atrocious assault on the importance of clear, truthful language on our ballot is a act of heinous deceit and a traitorous act. If I were to put such wording in writing I would expect a barn burning in retaliation. What do you expect? Nothing?

Sadly, I do believe that you see yourselves as above the judgement of the people. You are not. You will pay the price for your arrogance.



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WITNESS NAME: JACQUELINE BASHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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Missouri voters deserve to have their majority vote in support of abortion rights withheld by the legislature. The continued effort to suppress our votes by adding misleading language to another bill is wrong!



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WITNESS NAME: JAHNAVI DELMONICO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Ballot summaries should be written by the courts, not partisan politicians with a vested interest in misleading the voters to their desired outcome. Simple. This measure and the last one are designed to trick & disenfranchise voters and above all else, they waste valuable time, resources, and taxpayer money on recurring legal battles. Asinine.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES DAVID PHELPS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Bills such as these have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to allow them to misrepresent their intentions about abortion on our ballots. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make their own decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than one hundred years. The Initiative Petition process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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I am opposed to this bill. We do not need to lengthen the process of writing ballot summaries. This is becoming a strategy for controlling the citizens of missouri and I oppose this bill.



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I am strongly opposed to this bill.			



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES WEBBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is a direct threat to the voices of Missourians. We must not allow our system of checks and balances to be dismantled, no matter how the proposal is rationalized. Passing this bill would erode accountability and open the door to further voter manipulation. Voters deserve clarity, not confusion. We have a right to understand exactly how these decisions will impact our state and our lives."



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Majority Rule has been followed in Missouri for over 100 years. No political party or politician has the right to take that away from Missourians. Please follow our laws and Constitution



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WITNESS NAME: JAN P. CHAPMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.



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WITNESS NAME: JANE BEAL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill would make it easier to have misleading ballot language to pass bills under the radar of voters. This defrauds voters, and is simply lying. Our legislator deserves to treat the voters better than this. If you pass this, you are voting against the people of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: JANET STORTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri voters deserve accurate ballot language.



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I write to oppose Missouri HB 3146.

This bill weakens voter clarity and access under the guise of “technical” changes. Expanding ballot summary language from 50 to 100 words increases the risk of legal jargon and confusion, making it harder for everyday voters to understand what they are voting on.

HB 3146 also centralizes ballot challenges in Cole County and shortens procedural timelines. This creates unnecessary barriers for citizens and grassroots groups, favoring those with money, legal teams, and proximity to Jefferson City.

Ballot language should be clear, simple, and accessible. This bill moves Missouri in the opposite direction. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 3146.

Thank you.



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I strongly urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is blatant attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional. It is also a blatant attempt to change rules of the game due to fear of losing power. HB3146 would sabotage the initiative petition process and purposely slow it down with a scheme allowing the Secretary of State multiple attempts at writing ballot language that is deceptive, biased, and confusing. Voters deserve clear and unbiased ballot language to understand the measure. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in Missouri, and end these repeated attacks on the people's direct democracy. Do what is right and what Missourians deserve. Vote NO on HB 3146!



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I want to go on record as strongly opposed to HB 3146 passing



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WITNESS NAME: JEANETTE ROUSE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. This is another attempt to take more control over the folks in Missouri. This process has been in place for more than 100 years. Do what is right and vote NO!



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Please accept my testimony in opposition to HB3146 which would further remove Missouri citizen's ability to participate in their constitutional right to seek redress from their government. There is no legitimate reason that ballot language cannot be written objectively and clearly upfront. There is no ethical or democratic reason that citizens should be barred from petitioning their government. Please vote against HB3146.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFFREY ROBINSON II		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The SoS does not need to be afforded any further opportunity to dance around the truth in order to decieve the people of Missouri. They should get one shot at a ballot summary, and failing that the court should write its own.

I am a marketer by trade, and it is not hard to get your messaging right on the first try, so long as you do your research and keep your messaging compliant. Speak plainly the truth of the bill, and you won't have to worry if it will be found to be unfair and insufficient. Do your job and do it well, like the hard-working Missourians you are supposed to be responsible for. This piece of legislation is a ridiculous waste of Missourians time and taxpayer money.



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WITNESS NAME: JEN BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-277-9080	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63141
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Mr. Chair and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3146. My name is Jen Bernstein and I am the Director of Advocacy at National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895.

NCJWSTL strongly opposes HB 3146 because it undermines voters' right to clear, fair, and accurate ballot language. Missouri law requires ballot language to be fair for a reason: voters deserve to understand exactly what they are being asked to approve or reject. When courts find ballot language to be illegally unfair or insufficient, they serve as a critical safeguard for voters.

By preventing courts from striking and rewriting unlawful ballot language, this bill opens the door to intentional manipulation of the process. It invites political actors to use biased or confusing language to delay certification, run out the clock on signature gathering, and ultimately chill citizen-led ballot initiatives altogether. HB 3146 weakens transparency, accountability, and the democratic process.

NCJWSTL urges you to vote no on HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA CLEM		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I write to oppose Missouri HB 3146.

This bill weakens voter clarity and access under the guise of “technical” changes. Expanding ballot summary language from 50 to 100 words increases the risk of legal jargon and confusion, making it harder for everyday voters to understand what they are voting on.

HB 3146 also centralizes ballot challenges in Cole County and shortens procedural timelines. This creates unnecessary barriers for citizens and grassroots groups, favoring those with money, legal teams, and proximity to Jefferson City.

Ballot language should be clear, simple, and accessible. This bill moves Missouri in the opposite direction. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 3146.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIE LOOMIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER AHOLT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Re: Formal Objection to HB3146

I am writing to voice my firm opposition to HB3146. For over a century, the initiative petition process has protected the right of Missourians to lead on policy when the legislature fails to act. This bill is a clear attempt to undermine that direct democracy by creating a lengthy and unnecessarily complex process for challenging ballot summaries. Voters deserve clear, fair language on their ballots, not a bureaucratic maze designed to protect the interests of out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City.

HB3146 seeks to confuse and distract the public rather than uphold our state's 100-year history of majority rule. By making it harder to challenge misleading summaries, this legislation effectively silences the voices of Missouri families. I urge you to reject this bill and respect the constitutional right of Missourians to govern ourselves directly without interference or legislative "tricks."



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER DUDDING		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Stop trying to use deceptive ballot language



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER LAYTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 is trying to fool Missourians into giving away our rights. Legislators are trying every trick they can to confuse and distract voters from their real agenda. The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy. This bill would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER REED		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I feel Politicians are trying to trick us into giving away our rights. Legislators are trying every trick they can to confuse and distract voters from their real agenda.

The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.

Thank you

Jennifer Reed



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER REEVES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This bill unfairly silences the will of the people.			



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The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JESSICA DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JESSICA LEFTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am i firm believer in the IP process. It provides the voters with the opportunity for direct participation in our democracy. Our representatives in Jefferson City should stop trying to do away with our rights or tell us what we believe. They are out of touch and are playing partisan games with real, impactful issues.



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WITNESS NAME: JILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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- **HB 3146-Simmons-BALLOT SUMMARY STATEMENTS is a direct attack on the century old right of Missouri citizens to have a DIRECT say in their governance. Sadly, many of the current legislature want to act as dictators, instead of recognizing the very basic principle of democracy, where the majority's vote is honored as the will of the people. Having the ballot initiative option is a crucial safeguard that lets Missourians have the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.**
- **HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.**
- **Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.**
- **Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.**



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WITNESS NAME: JILL A. MOORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters deserve clear and fair ballot summaries because they are foundational to Missouri's 100-plus-year history of direct democracy. The Initiative Petition process exists precisely to give Missourians the freedom to make decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities when politicians refuse to listen. For more than a century, Missourians across the political spectrum have relied on a non-partisan initiative process as a direct path to participation in our democracy. HB3146 threatens that legacy by weakening the very tools voters use to hold power accountable. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore the will of the people, the Initiative Petition process allows Missourians to stand up and demand change. Undermining that process is an attack on Missouri voters themselves — and it should be rejected



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WITNESS NAME: JO WASSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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All ballot language should be absolutely true and precise. No confusing language should be written. It should be 1 issue per ballot question. Never should it be allowed to put multiple issues in 1 ballot question in order to confuse voters. Ballot questions should be concise. Never should voter approved bills be overturned by lawmakers.



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WITNESS NAME: JOAN GENTRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Members of the Election Committee,
I am absolutely opposed to this bill.

The summary of a bill is supposed to be a fair ballot language statement about the contents of the bill,
not an opportunity for political parties to spout political ideology.

Furthermore, to be provided with three times to "get it right" is simply a method to delay the initiative
process. For shame!!!

Joan Gentry
Springfield



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WITNESS NAME: JOANNE KEAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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• Fair ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: JODI MEADOWS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The IP process provides a direct path for Missourians to participate in our democracy. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries.



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The citizens have spoken out about this issue over and over. When will you all listen?



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN C WEBB		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Our government is built on a system of checks and balances. This bill goes too far in trying to hinder that process.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN R. COOPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Ballot summaries should be accurate and not misleading. If the Secretary of State cannot produce accurate ballot language, then the courts should step in and protect the voters from misleading language.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHNDA BOYCE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is a power grab, just like last year. We do see through those. This clearly violates separation of powers. Courts should have the ability to remedy misleading language that violates Missouri law rather than sending it back to the person who tried to mislead Missourians.



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**This bill is a antidemocratic, the people have spoken and they chose to get rid of the abortion band.
This is a hollow attempt to try and reinstate something to prevent people from getting abortions, even
though the people of the state have spoken loud and clearly. Shame on anyone who votes for this bill.**



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.



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OPPOSE HB 3146

This bill appears to be bipartisan, as I've been informed by individuals of both parties to oppose. This bill puts control in the hands of whoever is in office, rather than the citizens of Missouri. It promotes confusion and deception rather than ensuring that we have a full understanding of ballot issues. Additional limitations on initiative petitions say that legislators want to be elected, then left alone to do what they want, without our voices being heard. Missourians have always had a voice, without strict censorship, for over a century. Now, you want to keep all Missourians deceived and hushed. Confuse us on the ballot, then tie our hands afterwards. Your support of this bill implies that you really **DO NOT** want us to have a voice, regardless of which side of the ticket we are on. Keep Missouri in the hands of all Missourians. Oppose this bill.



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I am submitting testimony on this matter to help protect voter rights.



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HB 3146 would limit courts' ability to step in after judges rule ballot language deceptive, giving the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite summaries and delay the initiative petition process.



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I want ballot language to be fair, clear, and concise. We deserve to know what we're voting for or against. Political actors such as the secretary of state should have no authority to delay and deny voters' right to fair, clear, concise, and timely ballot language. Courts can and should have the authority to ensure ballot language that is lawful, timely, fair, clear, and concise



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The MO supreme court already struck down SB22. Voters, who elected you and whom you work for, deserve fair and honest ballot summaries. The initiative petition process is essential to democracy in Missouri, and this bill creates an unfair and lengthy process to challenge misleading ballot summary statements. I encourage you to get on the right side of history by supporting democracy and voting against this bill.



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I am against HB 3146. It sounds a lot like SB22 which is a terrible bill if you want to know what you are voting for and have language that you can understand. NO on HB3146. This seems like such a unethical bill. Anyone who thinks this is good doesn't want people to vote...not a true democracy.



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Please respect your constituents and the state Supreme Court.

This bill blatantly supports deception.

Missourians deserve to make their voices heard and the IP process should not be corrupted with the clear intent of stifling or even stopping them.



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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding House Bill 3146 — legislation that would change how ballot summary statements for proposed constitutional amendments and statutory measures are prepared, reviewed, and certified.

I strongly oppose HB 3146 for the following reasons:

1. It Weakens Neutral Oversight of Ballot Language.

Under current law, courts play a critical role in ensuring ballot language is accurate, clear, and fair. Historically, judges have corrected insufficient or misleading language — for example, in cases involving ballot summaries that failed to clearly inform voters about substantial changes like repealing constitutional protections.

HB 3146 would instead grant the Secretary of State's office expanded control to repeatedly rewrite summary language before any meaningful judicial review occurs. This reduces the judiciary's ability to act as a neutral check and balance by deferring to a political actor who may have partisan interests in how measures are presented to voters.

2. It Enables Delay and Potential Manipulation.

By giving the Secretary of State up to three chances to revise language before a court may intervene, this process could be used to run out the clock on judicial challenges or to embed confusing or biased language in the official summary voters will see at the polls. Critics have warned that such a system may encourage strategic delay rather than protect voter clarity.

3. Faithful and Clear Ballot Wording Matters for Democracy.

Research and experience show that many voters rely heavily on the official ballot summary when casting votes on complex measures. Misleading or unclear language — particularly where it obscures fundamental effects like whether an amendment would repeal legal rights — undermines voters' ability to make informed decisions.

4. Voters Deserve Transparency, Not Political Framing.

There have been repeated instances where ballot language drafted by the Secretary of State's office has required court revision because it failed to adequately describe the effect of a measure (for example, whether an amendment would overturn voter-approved rights). Allowing politicians greater latitude to craft and re-craft this language without robust neutral review heightens the risk that voters are not given the full and accurate context they deserve.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 3146 and instead maintain a process that prioritizes clarity, fairness, and neutral oversight in the preparation of ballot summaries that shape how Missourians participate in our democracy.

Thank you for your consideration.



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I oppose passing HB3146 because Voters deserve fair ballot summaries--not language that misleads from the subject at hand.

For over 100 years, the People's Initiative Petition process has allowed Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact their lives through this non-partisan process. This democratic process is corrupted when partisan politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families wanted and voted for. Our leaders should respect and honor our voices in this, not ignore them.



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Hi, me again to **OPPOSE** your continuous attacks on majority rule....

HB3146 has the same provisions as SB22. which would give MO Secretary of State Denny Hoskins three tries to rewrite a ballot summary before a court steps in and writes a fair, unbiased summary for voters to see when they're at the ballot box. This bill intentionally creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. Let's recap how Sec. Hoskins abused his power once SB22 became law in 2025: Courts ruled that Hoskins' ballot summaries were unfair in **EVERY SINGLE** lawsuit challenging the ballot summaries — but SB22 gave him three more chances to keep lying, and that's exactly what he did. Given that terrible track record, it's outrageous that politicians are trying to restore Politicians' Right to Lie! Please stop the BS... Let the voters speak!



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I am opposed to this legislation.			



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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries with clear and unbiased language explaining what they're voting on. HB3146 is just another attempt by the GOP majority to sabotage the initiative petition (IP) process and allow politicians to lie and trick voters.



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I do not support HB3146. The Missouri people have a right to expect better performance from their elected leaders. To craft a bill that makes it easier, simpler to mislead the electorate through misleading language, is truly a wrong step for Missouri



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I oppose any obfuscation done by the MO Legislature to undermine the will of the voters.



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Do not pass this bill! We should be able to vote without having to constantly jump through burning hoops created by Republicans because all they want to do is cheat.



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Ballot summary language should be factual, neutral, and written to inform voters, not influence them. Voters should be able to read a summary and understand what a measure does without persuasion.

HB 3146 continues a framework that is likely to produce more legal conflict over ballot language. That creates ongoing costs for taxpayers and repeated expenses for the state. Missouri should not spend public dollars on recurring litigation over wording when those funds are needed for core public services. Missourians deserve election systems that prioritize clarity, fairness, and fiscal responsibility. I urge the committee to vote no on HB 3146.



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This is the second try for anti-abortion, anti-democracy Republicans to try to rig the ballot summary process. The Let Politicians Lie bill has always been in retaliation for those in Missouri who voted for abortion rights and the courts refusal to let politicians lie on the ballot about abortion. Our elected officials are taking away the vote and the will of their constituents. Missourians will take this opportunity to stand up for what we believe in and what we voted for.



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the supreme court of our state has already ruled on this. quit waisting time with bills that do nothing more than bully your own constituents. just like with the constant attempts to overturn the abortion laws WE VOTED for, you're once again trying to go against what has already been decided on. there are plenty of actual issues that could be addressed in this state. are you all so incompetent that you're on aware? or is it that you simply don't care about anything that would actually benefit the people of Missouri? the constant attempts at diminishing democracy in this state are ridiculous. DO REAL WORK FOR ONCE.



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Ballot summaries must to be clear and concise to ensure Missourians can reliably and confidentiality cast their vote on an issue. Voters need to know that if they support an issue they vote yes and if they oppose it they vote no. In order to have free and fair elections there should never be attempts to confuse a voter and thus deprive them of their fundamental right as a citizen to vote their conscience. I urge the legislature to maintain fair ballot language summaries.



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I'm extremely concerned about government lack of response to constituents that already exists here in Missouri. This will only increase that lack of responsiveness.



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I oppose this legislation.

- This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements
- Missouri has a history of misleading summary statements that have been rectified only through action by courts
- It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading in order for voters to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes
- Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays. This would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure



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HB 3146 represents a renewed attempt to advance the substance of SB 22, which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. The bill undermines the integrity of the initiative petition process by altering established rules in response to outcomes the sponsor disagrees with, rather than respecting the will of voters. As written, it risks manipulating the democratic process and weakening Missourians' constitutional right to direct citizen-led initiatives.



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You have been elected to represent us, the residents NOT to do as you please to change the constitution and to profit from your actions .



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The mass corruption in our congressional and legislative branches is disrupting the peace of US people and will do nothing more than incite unrest.
We are all choosing all the time which of side of this story we stand on.



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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries.			



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his bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements

Missouri has a history of misleading summary statements that have been rectified only through action by courts

It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading in order for voters to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes

Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays. This would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure



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Didn't the MO Supreme Court just tell you that this was not allowed?!

The initiative petition process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy. Anything to change this is an attack on the voters of Missouri! Maybe instead of trying to legislate against the will of the people of MO, elected officials should look around and make better choices.



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The League of Women Voters feel strongly that people have the right to know what they are voting for. Missouri has a mandate that ballot language should be fair. That has not been the case for the past few years. The Secretary of State has purposely biased the ballot language to trick voters to vote in favor of his desired outcome. When ballot language is not fair judges should be able to correct the language. Allowing the SOS to try three times to correct it is nothing but a way to run out the clock to mislead the people voting. Please oppose HB 3146 to make sure voters understand what they are voting for.



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Non-citizen voting is already illegal, and 36% of eligible voters don't even vote! Why are we concerned with this? Oh wait, we aren't, it's just yet another plot to destabilize our country by fascist leaders! What we actually need are: Free voter ids, free access to citizenship documents, and simple appeals for errors. Istead of making things ever more complicated, which makes everything less accessible, we need to simplify the way voting works. We also need ranked choice voting, but that's a whole other problem.



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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.
Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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This bill attempts to revive senate bill 22 which was rightly struck down. Politicians already have an outsized ability to lie to voters to get what they want. I am opposed to HB 3146



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This is a ridiculous and transparent attempt by elected officials to remove power from the people they claim to represent.



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This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements



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This is a completely unfair bill and I am steadfastly against it.



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Pease vote NO on HB3146. Ballot language should be concise and short as possible. Increasing the allowed length would provide more opportunities (AKA ballot candy) to confuse voters. The bill would also make it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN DWIGHT RICHARDSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missourians deserve clear ballot language to know **EXACTLY** what we're voting on in an election. It's how we've run elections in our state for over one hundred years, and when those we have elected to represent us fail - gives us the recourse to take it into our own hands through the initiative petition process.

Enshrining lying on our ballots serves no one, and testifies to the fact that politicians are no longer doing there jobs by the oath they swear to serve, but big money over people.



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I oppose this bill due to it's inherent attack on the democratic process!!



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN LABOUBE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Listen to MO. Voters or be voted out! Enough is enough



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I'm deeply opposed to HB3146. I'm tired of seeing politicians try to trick us and take away our right to honest, fair ballot language. Missourians deserve the truth—not confusion, delays, or political games. The courts already said this kind of bill goes too far, and trying to bring it back feels like a slap in the face to voters. Please stand with the people and reject HB3146.



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.



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Voters deserve FAIR ballot summaries. This bill will create a LENGTH, UNNECESSARY, and COMPLICATED process to CHANGE UNFAIR OR MISLEADING summary statement on ANY ballot measure. This is the SHOW ME State, for over 100 years, Majority Rule, don't steal the people decision; this what HB3146 will do



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The Missouri Supreme Court already ruled that this proposed rule was unconstitutional. Stop trying to silence the voice of Missourians!



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I stand in strong opposition to HB 3146, a bill that undermines the integrity of Missouri's direct democracy and voters' right to clear and fair information. This legislation represents a dangerous retreat from transparency and accountability, placing political gamesmanship above the public good.

This bill deliberately obstructs the judicial system's ability to protect voters from misleading ballot language. Currently, if a court finds a summary statement insufficient or unfair, it can order a remedy. HB 3146 would force the court to send the language back to the Secretary of State for up to three redrafts before acting. This is a blatant violation of the separation of powers, designed to let political actors stall with biased language and run out the clock. It opens the door for continued politicization, allowing misleading drafts to persist and chill citizen-led initiatives.

Additionally, the bill tightens procedural deadlines in a way that benefits those in power. Requiring challenges to be filed 22 weeks before an election and fully resolved 70 days prior (instead of the current 56) creates an impossible timeline. When combined with the three-draft mandate, it guarantees that many challenges will be extinguished before fair language is ever achieved. This isn't efficiency; it's electoral sabotage.

While increasing the word limit for summaries to 100 words may seem benign, in this context it merely provides more space for obfuscation and partisan framing.

Missouri law mandates that ballot language be fair so voters can make informed decisions. HB 3146 subverts that fundamental principle. It tilts the process toward well-resourced political insiders and away from ordinary citizens. I urge you to reject this bill and uphold the courts' rightful role in safeguarding fair elections and voter understanding.



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WITNESS NAME: KRISANDRA SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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- Politicians are trying to confuse voters into giving away their rights.
- The initiative petition process is how everyday Missourians can change laws when politicians won't listen — and this bill could make that much harder.
- HB3146 would politicize the process and make it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries.
- Fair ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- The bill could create long delays that make it harder to educate voters about ballot measures.
- Majority rule has been Missouri law for over 100 years.

I oppose this! Listen to your constituents!



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I am a college educated, thoughtful and reasonably well rounded person. It is clear to me that the fast tracking nature of this bill is not being done in the best interest of Missouri voters. If it was, fast tracking wouldn't be being utilized. If I have to read a proposed bill multiple times to understand the how the verbal "math" of all the double negatives would play out, in order to figure out how to cast my vote, it is clear that manipulation by lack of clarity is the goal and is counter to the values of a democracy.

Trying to confuse voters into giving away their rights is a blatantly dishonorable to Missouri voters and should NOT be approved.

As a constituent and taxpayer, I expect:

- Fair ballot summaries to be protected as essential to Missouri's 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- Ease of voter access to education about ballot measures.
- Majority rule to be continued to upheld, protected, and respected.

Respectfully submitted,
Krishna Fogle



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Please oppose this bill. We, the people, want clear ballot language and the right to challenge of it is not. We, the people, want our voices heard. We want to KEEP our initiative process!



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I vehemently OPPOSE HB 3146!! We need clear cut ballot summary statements. One issue per ballot question is needed not multiple issues per ballot question. No more confusing ballot questions!



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To the members of the committee,

I oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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HB 3146 is a ludicrous proposal. One of the hallmarks of American government (until recently, apparently) has always been our willingness to accept competition on a level playing field where the rules do not offer a clear advantage to one competitor over another and where there are referees who scrupulously enforce the rules. In fact, this proposal is a reminder that one of the objections often voiced in opposition to implementing the better voting system known as Ranked Choice Voting (an objection that is not true, by the way) is that voters get more than "one bite of the apple". Yet, here we have a proposal that allows the Missouri Secretary of State three bites of the apple to try to slip deceptive and misleading language past the Courts in order to codify questionable policy objectives. The proposal, in short, attempts to overcome the fact Missouri Voters, when shown the true intent of ballot proposals, are unlikely to provide the votes necessary to enact those proposals. In order to get the votes needed, therefore, a conclusion has apparently been reached that deception must be resorted to and this proposal attempts to authorize the means to deceive. Even worse is that this same basic proposal was unanimously declared unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court a short time ago. I am, therefore, opposed to this measure. I wish to further remind elected officials that time is a finite resource. Time wasted on idiocy like this is time not devoted to solving the more pressing problems Missouri voters elected people to the legislature to address and resolve.



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To the members of the committee,

I oppose HB 3146.

The Missouri Supreme Court rejected SB 22, and it appears that lawmakers are trying to rehash the same idea with different language. Hopefully the Court will uphold the Constitution in this case as well.

Lately, I have become deeply concerned about the erosion of voters rights on both the State and the National level. HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect and respect voters. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on adherence to the Missouri Constitution and rebuilding voter confidence.

I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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Hello,

I am writing against HB 3146 as it takes away right of Missouri voters. The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.

Thank you.



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This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements.

Missouri has a history of misleading summary statements that have been rectified only through action by courts. Remember, the MO legislature serves the people of Missouri!

It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading in order for voters to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes.

Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays. This would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure.



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I am opposed to this bill due to the apparent manipulative nature and it's intent to confuse the voters.



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I oppose any opportunity for politicians to lie and drag out the initiative petition process.

HB3146's goal is to allow partisan elected officials to trick voters by using unfair and dishonest ballot language on citizen initiatives.

HB3146 has the same provisions as SB22. which would give MO Secretary of State Denny Hoskins three tries to rewrite a ballot summary before a court steps in and writes a fair, unbiased summary for voters to see when they're at the ballot box. This bill intentionally creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot.



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should not make the language more confusing and should not be rewritten.



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I oppose this bill



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I oppose. Let the people's votes matter.



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Missouri has a proud, 100-plus-year history of direct democracy through the initiative petition process, and this bill feels like a direct attack on that legacy. This "Let Politicians Lie" legislation isn't about better policy; it's an attempt to retaliate against voters for their decisions on issues like reproductive rights. By trying to manipulate ballot summaries, politicians are saying they either don't trust us to make our own decisions or they don't like the decisions we have made.

Voters deserve fair, non-partisan ballot summaries because they are the primary tool we use to understand how a law will actually impact our families. The initiative petition process is an essential safety valve for Missourians—it's how we take a stand and push for change when the legislature ignores what we actually want, which has been happening more and more lately. We shouldn't be making it easier for politicians to mislead the public. We should be protecting the freedom of Missourians to participate directly in our democracy.

Oppose HB 3416 and respect the rights of the people you represent!



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Politicians are trying to trick you into giving away your rights. Legislators are trying every trick they can to confuse and distract voters from their real agenda.

The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

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OPPOSE HB 3146

This bill promotes lengthy, misleading ballot summaries and greatly limits the Missouri citizens' right to have a voice. Ballot language can already be confusing. This bill allows for further confusion, thus promoting deception. It undermines Missourians' voices by placing strict limitations on initiative petitions. Missourians already have a distrust of the government. This bill validates that distrust. Missourians deserve to have simple and clear ballot language and the ability to continue being heard by using our current initiative petition system, as we have for over a century. Oppose HB 3146



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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.

Missouri elected officials supporting this bill should be embarrassed and ashamed. Missouri voters have made our voices loud and clear, yet our "leaders" insist on being snake oil salesmen in their relentless attempt to dupe and silence voters.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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Listen to Missouri voters, the very people you were elected to represent. Trust Missouri voters the first time. We are counting on you to uphold our rights.



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Giving a partisan politician three strikes to write an accurate summary for voters is a travesty. It's only purpose is to run out the clock and mislead voters. Hands off our initive petition process!



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At one time I though that SB22/HB3146 was an attempt to prevent abortion in Missouri. It could have been viewed as sacrificing a bit of democracy in order to save lives. But that is not what happened. While he had it, the SOS has used his new power to repeatedly, deliberately distort the ballot language. The Court ruled against his ballot language 5 times, on abortion but also on right to education, gerrymandering, school vouchers, and the Initiavie petition process. He even wrote one about stadiums that is questioned. This in not theory. We have seen how the previous version of this law was abused. The current version needs to be buried to prevent this from happening again.



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As an educated and informed citizen, I already do the hard work of deciding what I support or do not support passing in our state. I do not appreciate when bills are intentionally misleading. Wording should convey exactly what the bill entails and stop assuming constituents are ignorant. I voted once to keep abortion legal in Missouri, as did the majority of voters.



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It seems that everyone has forgotten that individuals elected to represent their constituents are meant to **SERVE** those constituents. Instead the state legislature seems more interested in consolidating their own power than doing what's right for Missourians. To support and pass this law is a slap in the face of every voter in this state, including those who supported you. We have shown you what we think is best for this state and constantly you undermine us. The tides are turning, as we are seeing in elections across the country. So instead of focusing on laws to deceive voters, instead of pushing an agenda you know most of the state disagrees with (as evidenced with our votes), maybe focus on how to lower costs and improve healthcare, or else next time around you won't have people to screw over at all.



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Sample testimony:

To the members of the committee,

I oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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I am opposed to HB 3146, the "Politicians Right to Lie" bill.

Missourians deserve better than this bill, which would further politicize the initiative petition process, a key element of participatory democracy.



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I am so tired of politicians trying to distract and confuse voters to get THEIR way. Ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year tradition of direct democracy. Voters deserve fair, unbiased information -- not political manipulation.



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House bill 3146 is a miscarriage of our election process. Missouri has three branches of government. Congress is only one branch . The judges are there to help protect the citizens, the voters. It is important that members of congress remember that you work for us. Our Taxes pay your salary. House bill 3146 will harm missouri citizens!



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We deserve fair and accurate ballot summaries!			



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Stop this BILL today!

OMG! HB 3146 is an attempt to revive SB 22, a law that was just overturned by the MO Supreme Court 3 weeks ago, which would limit the court's ability to step in and fix deceptive ballot language and allow the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite the summary instead, delaying the initiative petition process.



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- The initiative petition process is how everyday Missourians can change laws when politicians won't listen — and this bill could make that much harder.
- HB3146 would politicize the process and make it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries.
- Fair ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year history of direct democracy.
- The bill could create long delays that make it harder to educate voters about ballot measures.
- Majority rule has been Missouri law for over 100 years.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNDA STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process is enshrined in our constitution to give oversight power to the people. From conservation of our natural resources to bodily autonomy, the citizens of Missouri have used the IP process to bring about change. This bill, similar to last year's SB22 that was overturned by the courts, is an attempt to rig the system in favor of politicians. Ballot summaries need to be truthful and straightforward, not gamed to confuse voters. I urge the committee to vote NO.



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WITNESS NAME: M'EVIE MEAD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years.



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This bill would negate the constitutional separation of powers. It seeks to distort elections by allowing slanted ballot language.



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To whom it may concern,

Clear, unbiased ballot language is supremely important in a democracy. Please oppose this bill. It will cause unnecessary costs and delays in revising ballot language. Thank you.

Mara Aruguete



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WITNESS NAME: MARCIA CRANDALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is yet another example of the legislature trying to strip the voters of their rights and imposing the will of the legislature onto the voters who elected them. Anyone who votes for this bill does not believe in a representative government and should be removed from Missouri's legislature.



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WITNESS NAME: MARCIA REED		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB3146.

Missourians deserve fair, unbiased ballot summaries. The initiative petition process has allowed voters to directly participate in our democracy for more than 100 years. HB3146 would create unnecessary delays and make it harder to challenge misleading ballot language. This risks confusing voters and weakening majority rule.

Please vote NO on HB3146.



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A fair and comprehensible description of the meaning of a proposed bill is essential to the process of citizen petition. Citizen petitioning is basic to our democratic process. This bill would provide opportunity for the meaning of a proposed bill to be obscured, in order to dupe voters into supporting a measure that they oppose.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET PHILLIPS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 3146 for several reasons: first of all, its predecessor, SB22 last session, was overturned by the Mo. Supreme Court, and yet legislators are trying to sneak the substance in again.

Its substance is a direct attempt to let the Secretary of State have control of the language of the bill summary on the ballot. There is ostensibly an opportunity for a judicial rejection of it as biased, but the rewrite is in this bill no longer to let justices do the rewrite but to send it back to the Secretary of state, which is no guarantee of less biased wording, just sneakier expression of the same bias. So please oppose this bill, HB 3146.

Personal: I remember a bill summary in the past that was so inflammatory in a way opposite to the intent of the bill that I almost would have opposed it if I hadn't realized how biased and inaccurate it was. Fortunately the judicial re-write corrected that.



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Voters have a right to know what they're voting for. That's the reason Missouri law mandates that ballot language voters see must be fair. This legislation subverts that process.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGERY DOSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Why would we limit the information voters need to make their vote with confidence? Missouri has a history of misleading ballot language.

Let us remember our state motto, "Salus Populi Suprema Lex Esto." Let the good of the people be the supreme law.



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WITNESS NAME: MARIA MORRISSEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PLANNED PARENTHOOD GREAT PLAINS VOTES		TITLE:	
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Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes (PPGPV) opposes HB 3146, as it would allow politics to be injected into ballot summaries, undermining a core principle of our democracy: voters deserve clear, fair, and neutral information when making decisions at the ballot box.

In Missouri, the Secretary of State is elected to office during the gubernatorial election cycle and serves a four-year term. When ballot summary language is challenged, this bill would allow the Secretary of State, an elected official, to rewrite ballot summaries three times, before the judiciary would write a fair, unbiased summary. This bill unnecessarily lengthens the time of a ballot summary challenge, further complicating a process that already undergoes judicial review.

Moreover, ballot summary language is not a messaging tool, nor is it an advocacy document. Its sole purpose is to accurately and impartially describe what a measure does so voters can make informed choices. Allowing a single partisan elected official to rewrite that language creates an inherent conflict of interest and opens the door to manipulation, bias, and voter confusion, even with judicial intervention. The belief that elections should be fair, transparent, and trustworthy is a common thread among Missourians regardless of party. HB 3146 moves us in the opposite direction. When voters suspect that ballot language has been altered to influence outcomes rather than inform them, confidence in the entire democratic process is weakened.

The initiative petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families, including reproductive health care. The initiative petition process has proven to be a tool of liberty in Missouri for more than a century, allowing citizens to effectively remind politicians that they remain the ultimate power of government. The initiative petition process is not a partisan tactic and can be utilized by the entire spectrum of political ideologies to ensure certain laws are put into effect when politicians do not have the political fortitude to do so. By politicizing ballot language, this bill callously takes away power from every voter, no matter their political ideology.

Nevertheless, this is not the first time the legislature has heard a bill with this provision. SB 22 contained similar language and was passed through the legislature last year in response to the success of the right to reproductive health care being enshrined in the state constitution. The Missouri Supreme Court later found procedural deficits within the legislative process and struck down SB 22. This ruling serves as an example of government working with "checks and balances," a concept rooted in the founding of our nation to prevent any one branch of government from becoming too powerful. Rather than accept the Court's decision, Republicans have opted to ignore the Court by canceling an

address from the Chief Justice to the Assembly. All while pushing a renewed attempt to trick, confuse, and distract voters by resurrecting the provision through HB 3146.

Missouri voters can make their own decisions and do not need state officials rewriting language to steer them toward a particular outcome, or sowing seeds of distrust in the ballot initiative process. What they need is honesty, clarity, and respect for their right to self-government. For these reasons, we firmly urge the Elections Committee to oppose and hold HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: MARIAH KOESTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Fuck them kids! Fuck the corrupt foster care system that kids get lost in . And fuck forcing women to be a mom when they dont want to be !!! Theyll just abise them so you guys are WORRIED ABOUT THE WRONG SHIT!!!!



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WITNESS NAME: MARILEE K MAGERKURTH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Clear ballot language is essential to maintaining free and fair elections.



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Please Oppose this bill. Missouri has a history of misleading language in summaries of ballot measures and this bill would cause even more harm and confusion. We need the citizens of MO and the Courts to be able to prevent this injustice.



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This bill is dangerous in allowing misleading ballot language. We must not weaken our state history of judicial checks on executive and legislative power. Objective and clear ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year tradition of direct democracy. Voters deserve fair, unbiased information -- not political manipulation.



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WITNESS NAME: MARK VERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Mark Verry and I am a resident of Saint Robert, MO. I ask to add my testimony on opposition of this anti-democratic and anti-women bill.

I and the People of Missouri spoke loudly and clearly in 2024 to demand women have the right to healthcare without government interference and invasions into their privacy. prop 3 passed and this attempt to subvert the the people's vote is contemptible.

Despite the supreme court's failure to uphold protection for the rights Missourians in Dobbs v. Jackson, the women of Missouri deserve the same respect and trust as any person when making medical decisions that impact their bodies. Attempting to levy the violence of the government to enforce personal religious preferences on others should be rejected here again as it was in prop 3.

I ask that this bill be opposed resolutely. The women of Missouri deserve nothing less.



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WITNESS NAME: MARLA J TOBIN, MD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a lifelong 72 yr old Missourian who VOTES, I am appalled at the prospect of HB3146 taking away the freedom for Missourians to make decisions about policies that impact them. The initiative petition process and majority rule are hallmarks of our democracy. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, not those crafted for political gain at the whim of a politician. This bill will create impossible delays and harm the ability to educate voters with fair ballot summary language. This bill needs to be killed in committee to preserve the right of Missourians to have fair ballot language and freedom to have initiative petitions to preserve the majority rule of the people.



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Missouri's Citizen Initiative process should not be politicized. We the people should always have a say regarding the measures we are allowed to vote on. That means each of us, not just members of the party currently in power. And ballot language should NEVER be misleading. To that end, challenges to misleading ballot summaries must NOT be made more difficult. Our Citizen Initiative process has served Missourians well for over 100 years. If anything, it should be strengthened, not weakened. The ability of the ruling party to craft purposely deceptive ballot summaries should be weakened, not strengthened.



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I urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is a shameless attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously as unconstitutional by the MO Supreme Court. Like SB22, HB3146 would sabotage the initiative petition process and purposely slow it down with a scheme allowing the Secy of State multiple attempts at writing ballot language that is deceptive, biased, confusing. This is disgraceful. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in our state, and end the attacks on direct democracy by and for the people of Missouri. Vote NO on HB 3146.



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I am writing to oppose HB3146. This bill is clearly intended to open the floodgates for politicians to intentionally mislead the voters they are meant to represent and serve. This bill paves the way for the use of misleading ballot language, instead of making the issues presented to voters clear so that voters can decide for themselves, without hindrance, what they are voting for. Lawmakers and representatives in favor of bills such as HB3146 are lying to themselves and to the people if they claim to be advocates of democracy while standing in support of this bill.



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I am a lifelong Missourian. I opposed this bill			



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Stop subverting the will of the people!



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What happens when the Sec.of State is allowed to repeatedly use inaccurate information in ballot language? Recently a challenge to ballot language took 5 months and cost \$20,000 in legal fees. I urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is a shameless attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional. Like SB22, HB3146 would sabotage the initiative petition process and purposely slow it down with a scheme allowing the Secy of State multiple attempts at writing ballot language that is deceptive, biased, and confusing. Voters deserve clear and unbiased ballot language to understand the measure. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in Missouri, and end these repeated attacks on the people's direct democracy. Vote NO on HB 3146.



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Voters deserve fair and transparent ballot summaries and not extra bureaucracy. I'm opposed to this bill.



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I am in opposition to HB3146



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HB 3146 is anti-democratic. It represents politicians' second attempt to control, write and present misleading ballot language. The State Supreme Court has previously, unanimously ruled this to be unconstitutional.

This bill is a retaliation against Missourians' votes to end the ban on abortion and the court's refusal to allow politicians to present untrue and misleading ballot language.



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I strongly oppose HB 3146. Neither Republicans or Democrats should write ballot language to manipulate voters. If you have to lie to get support then you are not acting in the best interest of the people of MO. Your first priority should be to represent us, not push the agenda of your party or donors. You also should not be silencing our voice by restricting citizen led ballot measures or overturning initiatives that we have voted for. Again, it is your duty to represent the people of MO. That means ALL of the people, even those with views you do not agree with. If that is not what you are in office to do, then resign.



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Voting measures are so unclear and we as Missouri voters deserve fair and CLEAR voting. You shouldn't need higher education or a law degree to understand a ballot. In addition, our reps should be backing us up on the decisions their constituents make.



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I am a Missouri constituent. I oppose this bill and urge all committee members to vote no. It's unconstitutional and un-Missourian.

These bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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This bill is another blatant attempt to deceive the people of Missouri. If you have to lie to get people to vote for your bill, then it shouldn't be a bill. The ballot summary should always reflect exactly what voters are voting for, not whatever lies are made up to get them to vote in a certain way.



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I am writing a testimony in opposition to HB 3146. This is so tone deaf. You really are not paying attention to the will of the people. Let's see how much longer you can keep this up.



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This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements. Everyone in Missouri knows that the MO Legislature has a history of misleading summary statements that have been changed only through court action. It is critical that voters be able to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes. This legislature has even argued the same when wanting to set aside the abortion amendment approved by voters last November. That people didn't know what they were voting for or it wouldn't have passed.



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I oppose giving politicians the opportunity to slant ballot language to fit their agenda.



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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. Writing confusing, intentionally misleading, or changing the language post vote is the anthesis of Democracy. Missourians deserve more respect than to be duped and taken advantage of. We must stand on clear, fair language that isn't subject to change without fully restarting the bill creation process. Missourians are following these processes more now than across my entire lifetime. Represent us or you will lose your opportunity to continue doing so. Dishonesty will not stand.



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The people of Missouri deserve fair ballot language and this makes it much more difficult and time consuming to challenge when language is misleading and unfair. We're seeing this right now with the garbage Amendment 3 proposal language clearly intended to confuse voters as to the reality of a yes or no vote.



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February 10, 2026

Chairman Rodger Reedy
House Elections Committee
MO House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue
Room 411-2
Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear Chairman Reedy and Members of the Committee,
The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. HB 3146 would prohibit courts from rewriting ballot measure summaries when a court determines the originally proposed ballot summary is misleading, and would allow partisan officials multiple opportunities to draft and redraft ballot summaries that courts have already found to be confusing. Courts are intended to be neutral parties that are not swayed by political ideologies and therefore, they are better suited to rewrite ballot summaries than elected officers. As such, we respectfully urge you to vote no on HB 3146.

In the 2025 legislative session, the Missouri legislature proposed and passed a very similar bill. However, the Missouri Supreme Court unanimously declared it unconstitutional last month, striking down the entire law (1). Rather than respecting that decision, this bill attempts to revive the same flawed framework that enables cryptic and politicized ballot language.

For more than 100 years, the initiative petition process has provided Missourians with a direct path to participate in our democracy. Clear and unbiased ballot summaries are essential to that process. When voters step into the ballot box, they deserve language that informs, not language that persuades, obscures, or misleads. Allowing repeated rewrites by the same partisan officeholder after a court has found bias only prolongs litigation and creates unnecessary barriers to voter understanding. HB 3146 risks weaponizing ballot language and eroding public trust in our democratic institutions. The initiative process belongs to the people of Missouri, not to any one officeholder or political party. For these reasons, we urge you to vote “no” on HB 3146.

Sincerely,

Melissa Vatterott, JD
Director of Policy & Strategy
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314-727-0600, ext. 111

(1) "Nicholson v. State." Opinion Issued Jan 23, 2026. <https://law.justia.com/cases/missouri/supreme-court/2026/sc101308.html>



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To begin, I strongly oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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It bears repeating that this bill negates the will of the people in our state. It is not only anti-abortion, it is anti-democracy. Please govern appropriately and vote against this bill.



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Citizen initiatives are an important part of the democratic process. We have a right to expect clear and honest ballot explanations so we can make the best decisions in voting.



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I stand in strong opposition to HB 3146, a bill that undermines the integrity of Missouri's direct democracy and voters' right to clear and fair information. This legislation represents a dangerous retreat from transparency and accountability, placing political gamesmanship above the public good.

This bill deliberately obstructs the judicial system's ability to protect voters from misleading ballot language. Currently, if a court finds a summary statement insufficient or unfair, it can order a remedy. HB 3146 would force the court to send the language back to the Secretary of State for up to three redrafts before acting. This is a blatant violation of the separation of powers, designed to let political actors stall with biased language and run out the clock. It opens the door for continued politicization, allowing misleading drafts to persist and chill citizen-led initiatives.

Additionally, the bill tightens procedural deadlines in a way that benefits those in power. Requiring challenges to be filed 22 weeks before an election and fully resolved 70 days prior (instead of the current 56) creates an impossible timeline. When combined with the three-draft mandate, it guarantees that many challenges will be extinguished before fair language is ever achieved. This isn't efficiency; it's electoral sabotage.

While increasing the word limit for summaries to 100 words may seem benign, in this context it merely provides more space for obfuscation and partisan framing.

Missouri law mandates that ballot language be fair so voters can make informed decisions. HB 3146 subverts that fundamental principle. It tilts the process toward well-resourced political insiders and away from ordinary citizens. I urge you to reject this bill and uphold the courts' rightful role in safeguarding fair elections and voter understanding.



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**Politicians should be prohibited from lying and bills should be plainly and truthfully explained.
Anything less is a mockery of democracy and justice.**



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MIKE SVOBODA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It should be illegal to tamper with a vote of the people.



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WITNESS NAME: MILES PEARSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please dont pass this. We as the people deserve to have a voice heard and we deserve to have direct democracy. do not take away our democracy! we do not want to crumble. let the peoples voice be heard!



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MOLLY BROTHERTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This is just another restatement of the bill from 2025, already found to be unconstitutional. You are actively wasting time and money by trying to reinstate something you were told you explicitly could not do. It is amazing how even you know your policies are so unpopular that the only way to sneak them by your constituents is by lying to them. Republicans, who as you are well aware have held the supermajority in this state for over two decades, claim to be morally superior, but will lie to absolutely anyone to enrich themselves.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MONICA LEE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The citizen-led petition process is a vital part of a healthy democracy because it gives ordinary people a direct way to propose laws and constitutional changes when elected officials fail to act.

By protecting this process, we protect the principle that government is accountable to the people—and that citizens have a meaningful voice in shaping the future of their state.

I object to any attempts to remove this power from ordinary people.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MONICA M HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I write to oppose HB3146 because it seeks to encase in law the power to include tricky, confusing language in ballot measures. We have already witnessed such unfair tactics in recent court battles over ballot language. Thank God the courts intervened and forced the re-write so it was fair and truthful. If you have to twist the wording to make it sound like something it is not to get the results you want, you are doing a grave disservice to the voting constituents of this state. This is a bad bill that must fail - period.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MRS. JACQUELINE BEUTEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Again you are trying to undermine the requests and wishes of the Missouri voters. When will it end???
? We are tired of voting and have our wished ignored or changed by a handful of congressmen who do not agree. Excuse me, but you are not the supreme, intelligent persons to decline our wishes . Please don't insult our intelligence by saying we do not understand what is said in the ballot. You have used this excuse to change, alter, and rewrite our choices. What congress thinks is best for Missourians is not believed by the voters.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY BATEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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HB 3146 is an attempt to revive SB 22, a law that was just overturned by the MO Supreme Court 3 weeks ago, which would limit the court's ability to step in and fix deceptive ballot language and allow the Secretary of State repeated chances to rewrite the summary instead, delaying the initiative process.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: NANCY COPENHAVER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 1512 RIDGELINE DRIVE			
CITY: MOBERLY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65270
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WITNESS NAME: NANCY GOTH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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How many times do you intend to give deception, spin & propaganda a chance? Missouri has
EXPERIENCED enough by both moleg & SoS.

No deception allowed. Period. By any entity.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: NANCY SACCONE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am a Missouri constituent and voter and I strongly oppose HB 3146. This bill is an attempt to revive the harmful content of 2025's SB22, which in fact was just recently overturned by the Missouri Supreme Court. HB 3146 seeks to make it easier for politicians to mislead voters through inaccurate or deceptive ballot language; it would make it harder for such language to be revised by the courts. HB 3146, like its predecessor SB22, is a grave disservice to Missouri voters. It is also a disservice to everyday Missourians like me who have volunteered for initiative petition efforts. We Missourians value our 100+ year old initiative petition process. Our elected representatives should show respect for Missourians and our democratic processes by rejecting HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY TRACY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am adamantly in opposition to HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY ZELIFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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SB 22 was overturned by the Missouri Supreme Court unanimously in the last month. HB 3146 is another effort to mislead Missouri voters. This is an effort AGAIN by the supermajority in the MoLegis to control ballot initiatives brought forward by Missouri citizens continues. The current Secretary of State writes misleading ballot language with purpose--as he has stated "on the record" with previous ballot language. Voters deserve accurate and correct language on issues on which they are voting. As Minority House Leader, Aune stated: "If Republicans don't like the court striking down unconstitutional laws then Republicans should stop passing unconstitutional laws."



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WITNESS NAME: NATHAN HALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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End the corruption!			



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: NATHAN KEMPTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Judges must continue to have the ability to limit and demand changes to the wording of propositions and amendments to our Constitution. I am in opposition to any law that would prohibit judges or courts from weighing in on the wording of all such, or laws that would empower the Secretary of State to endlessly rewrite summaries in ways that would delay the public initiative process.



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WITNESS NAME: NATHAN WORNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Voters deserve transparency at the polls.			



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: NICHOLE GILLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Here are my talking points, feel free to use: HB 3146 represents a renewed attempt to advance the substance of SB 22, which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. The bill undermines the integrity of the initiative petition process by altering established rules in response to outcomes the sponsor disagrees with, rather than respecting the will of voters. As written, it risks manipulating the democratic process and weakening Missourians' constitutional right to direct citizen-led initiatives.



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WITNESS NAME: NICK FREED		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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We the voters are asking (amazingly) YET AGAIN for our state leaders to listen to the will of the people who elected them and let us have our voices heard. This bill is nothing more than a rehashing of SB 22, which was struck down by the Supreme Court of Missouri no less than a month ago. Missouri Republicans are trying to rule the state as an oligarchy with zero input from the citizens who live and vote here. This bill crushes any dissent from voters by dropping them into an endless and expensive appeal system, and allows republicans to do whatever they want with our money and our laws. This is a pathetic attempt by missouri republicans to silence voters' voices. I stand in strong and serious opposition to this bill and everything it stands for.



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WITNESS NAME: NICOLE GRIFFITTS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Clear, concise ballot language is what's right for Missouri voters. We're known as the Show Me State, and that famous namesake quote illustrates that Missourians value directness; why then, is there an effort to decrease clarity with misleading or sneaky wording? It is the right of every voter to be presented with, and vote upon, measures at the ballot. Any attempt to manipulate or misdirect those votes by obfuscation of the measures, is patently against the very basis of democracy's most core value.



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WITNESS NAME: NICOLE JINES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I oppose HB 3146. The processes laid out in this bill is counterproductive to allowing fair language to be established for voters in Missouri. Allowing for three additional drafts before a resolution can be made and shortening the time for finalization allows the opportunity for stalling of bills and for them to potentially be stuck with unfair ballot language. Not allowing the courts to decide on these matters as done currently also violates the separation of powers in the branches of our state government. Voters deserve to know what they're voting on, without any smoke and mirrors.

, and taking that decision away from the courts



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WITNESS NAME: NICOLE NICKENS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To the members of the committee,

I oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea. Even if reworted, this bill is still unconstitutional.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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WITNESS NAME: OLIVA NAVARRETE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: PAIGE SPINDLER-RICHARDSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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SB 22, last year's version of this same bill, was unanimously ruled unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court just weeks ago. That alone should be a clear indicator that this bill does not hold up under the rule of law and fails Missourians. We need integrity in our government to respect the values of the people in this state—the same people that our elected leaders have sworn under oath to represent—through the initiative petition process and through our votes, not constant political overreach for the sake of legislators' personal agendas. Please vote NO on HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: PAM LANHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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- Majority law had been Missouri law for over 100 years.
- This bill would make it easier for misleading ballot language to be used and harder for voters to understand and challenge it.
- Currently, everyday Missourians can change laws when politicians are not doing their jobs of just representation, and this bill could make that process much harder.
- The bill could also create long delays that make it harder to educate voters about ballot measures.
- As a concerned Missouri citizen, I oppose HB 1346 as it threatens my Missouri constitutional rights.



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WITNESS NAME: PAMELA L GRANT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.



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WITNESS NAME: PAT HUBBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I stand in strong opposition to HB 3146. This bill is an attempted repeat of SB 22 that was overturned unanimously by the Missouri Supreme Court. Stop wasting time!



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICIA DANIEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am against HB 3146. Sending wording back to the Secretary of State to rewrite a summary statement up to three times would cause unnecessary delays and negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICIA JO GOSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to this bill and the fact that it pulls the stuffing out of the initiative process that Missourians of both parties have used to get issues on the ballot. Also it let's a dishonest or shady attorney general run out the clock without seeing to the needs of our citizens.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK PAZOUR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm sick and tired of the redumblicans trying to control every aspect of our lives. If "We the People" vote for something, that should be the end of the story, but NO. Kehoe wants control and we can't let him and the redumblicans have it



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WITNESS NAME: PATTY POPPE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am very frustrated by the Missouri legislature's failure to respect the will of voters. Stop trying to undo what the majority of voters want you to do. You are elected to serve the people of the state.



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To the members of the committee,

I oppose HB 3146.

This bill pushes forward policy very similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. When the Court overturns a law, lawmakers should step back and rethink the direction, not rush to pass a new version of the same idea.

Ballot summaries are how voters understand what they are being asked to approve. Missourians have relied on a fair initiative process for over a century. If voters cannot trust the wording on the ballot, they cannot make informed decisions.

HB 3146 could increase disputes over ballot language and make it harder for everyday citizens to challenge wording they believe is biased or confusing. That weakens public trust instead of strengthening it.

Missouri's election system should protect voters first. After SB 22 was invalidated, the focus should be on rebuilding confidence, not repeating the same fight.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to reject HB 3146.



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WITNESS NAME: PAULINE TESTERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB3146 because it damages the ability of citizens to challenge misleading language to constitutional amendments. If courts see misleading language they have to send it to the secretary of state, delaying time to inform voters properly of what the amendment will do.



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WITNESS NAME: PETER ALLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries.			



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WITNESS NAME: PETER SCHNEEBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We need fair ballot language and we need a non-partisan judge to act as a referee to the political process. If the decision that the language is fair is done by a political actor like the Secretary of State, then the public will not trust the process to be fair. Once the fairness of the process can be questioned, then voters lose faith in the democratic system that is the hallmark of America since the founders.



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WITNESS NAME: RACHEL JAMIESON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Missouri Supreme Court already struck down SB22, and this bill is another attempt to allow politicians to deceive the Missouri public by writing deceptive ballot language and delay initiative petitions. HB 3146 is just another way that some politicians are trying to undermine the Missouri initiative petition process, and democracy in our state. I strongly oppose HB 3146.



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I oppose HB 3146. I am a constituent and voter in zip code 63026.



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Voters have a right to know what they're voting for. That's the reason Missouri law mandates that ballot language voters see must be fair. This legislation subverts that process.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA A WHEELER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The IP process as it stands needs to be preserved. Hoskins has admitted in court to openly writing misleading ballot summaries time and again. I stand strongly in opposition to to HB3146.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA CALLAWAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA GROOM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe Missourians have already spoken on this matter. Our voices should be listened to, not cast aside as though we are too stupid to know what we voted for. Listen to the will of your people! Abortion is medical care, and this country was founded on freedom of religion. My religion believes the baby is alive at birth, not before, yet you are allowing your religion, thinking life begins at conception, to dictate care for women who do not believe as you do. This goes against the constitution in every way. We voted for abortion access, and we deserve to have it, not be prosecuted for murder. I'd appreciate you taking religion and religious beliefs out of this, and look at the law, in entirety, and apply it. The only outcome is legal abortion. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to my words, and I hope you consider them. Thank you sincerely.



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To the members of the committee,

I submit this testimony in opposition to HB 3146.

This bill advances policy substantially similar to Senate Bill 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down as unconstitutional. That ruling was a clear statement that the legislature exceeded constitutional limits in how it structured election related law. When the Court invalidates a law, the responsible response is reflection and careful reconsideration, not immediate replication through a new vehicle.

HB 3146 raises serious concerns about the integrity of Missouri's ballot process. The bill has moved quickly through the early stages of the legislative process and would change how ballot summaries are written and challenged. Even the perception that ballot wording can be engineered for political advantage damages confidence in elections.

Missouri's initiative petition system exists so everyday citizens can change laws when their government refuses to listen. For more than a century, direct democracy has been a core part of our state's identity. Fair and neutral ballot summaries are essential to that tradition. When voters cannot trust the language in front of them, the entire system is weakened.

Expanding summary length and tightening litigation timelines could increase the risk of disputed or biased summaries while making it harder for ordinary Missourians to challenge wording they believe is unfair. Earlier deadlines may disproportionately disadvantage smaller citizen groups that lack legal resources. These changes risk intensifying conflict around ballot language instead of strengthening public trust.

Missouri's ballot system must be designed to protect voter understanding, not restrict it. Transparent elections and majority rule have long been pillars of our state. Reintroducing policies closely tied to legislation that was already invalidated sends the message that procedural victories matter more than voter confidence.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to reject HB 3146.

Submitted in opposition.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA RAGLAND		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Your honor, I am opposed to the approval of this bill because it creates unnecessary litigation and expense in the interest of massaging the language of referenda beyond the current standards.



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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH BERKOWITZ		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Democratic government depends upon informed and active participation at all levels of government. The government should protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings, and making public records accessible. This bill would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure. It inhibits rather than enhances the democratic process.



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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH NELSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Majority rule has been the law in Missouri for over 100 years, and fair and truthful ballot summaries are necessary to our direct democracy.

HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary complicated process to challenge misleading summary statement of ballot measures. I know that's what politicians intend to do to trick Missouri voters because I've seen misleading summaries on my ballots in the past.

Voters deserve fair, unbiased information -- not political manipulation. That is why I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD VON GLAHN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The SOS has been shown to be untrustworthy. You shouldn't need multiple times to just tell the truth.



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As a veteran and a person who was taught civics in grade school, lying was not accepted as a way of a citizen or as a human being. It is illegal in a court of law and I expect it to be help illegal by politicians who take oaths of office.

Nowhere in the Oath I took to protect the Constitution of the US did it say it was agreeable to lie.

Do not alter basic rules of behavior or the country, state and the basis for a human community of trust in interactions is destroyed.

The "American Dream" was supposed to be about hard work and fairness, lying has no place in that concept.



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I am in opposition to the bill



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WITNESS NAME: ROBIN POSTLEWAIT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Look where all of the lying has gotten this country so far!!

If we are to save this state and our country from fascism, this needs to be voted down!



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WITNESS NAME: RON BERRY		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-2239	
REPRESENTING: JOBS WITH JUSTICE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: ROYCE SCHREIBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RUTH HUEBNER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Voters need clear language to inform their votes. Legislators/politicians must word ballots truthfully.
This legislation permits the lies and confusing language that was just deemed u constitutional.**



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WITNESS NAME: RUTH KNITTEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missourians are tired of these constant attempt to silence our voices. This anti-democracy attempt to again try to rig the ballot summary process after the State Supreme Court unanimously ruled your first attempt unconstitutional is unacceptable! No Missourian wants your power grabbing tricky ballot language. It's wrong and deceitful.



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WITNESS NAME: RUTH MILLEDGE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I respectfully write to oppose this bill. It would obstruct the writing of clear and accurate ballot summaries.



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Let voters decide.			



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Stop confusing voters. Make ballots understandable



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WITNESS NAME: SADIE FRANKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I do not support the removal or hindrance of basic American rights. This will remove power from Missourians and give it to an authoritarian government. This bill is unethical and intentionally stripping us of our rights.



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Do not complicate the voting process in order to deceive people. Vote No



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Allowing politicians to make misleading statements in regards to anything, let alone things the public will be voting on, is unconscionable. How anyone could think this is acceptable is beyond me. You should be ashamed for trying to take away the will of the voters, your constituents.



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The petition initiative process is a cornerstone of Missouri’s democracy and has been for more than a century. It exists so voters—not politicians—can directly shape the laws that govern their lives. Central to that process are fair, accurate, and impartial ballot summaries. These summaries are often the only information voters see in the voting booth, and they must be written to inform, not to persuade or mislead.

Missouri HB3146 undermines this long-standing democratic safeguard. By allowing biased or distorted ballot language, the bill interferes with voters’ ability to make informed choices and weakens trust in our elections. This is not about transparency or clarity—it is about manipulating the process to predetermine outcomes.

Regardless of party or ideology, Missourians value the right to participate directly in their government. HB3146 threatens that right by tilting the scales against the people and in favor of political power. Any legislation that compromises fair ballot summaries is an attack on the will of the voters themselves.

Lawmakers should be protecting Missouri’s initiative process, not eroding it. For these reasons, HB3146 should be rejected.



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Democracy of the people in MO matters! This ballot measure goes against that.



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It's a commandment: tho shalt not bear false witness.			



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I am against HB 3146. The Missouri Supreme Court has already overruled a similar bill. Courts are an equal branch of government with the job of ruling on the constitutionality of bills passed by the legislature. The Secretary of State should not have repeated chances to rewrite ballot language. The initiative process works in Missouri and gives direct voice to the people. Attempting to slow down or manipulate the initiative process goes against the people.



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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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Just days ago, SB22 was rightly struck down by the courts. SB22, in its short life, was absolutely abused by our leadership in an effort to make it vastly more difficult for regular Missourians to overturn the will of the legislature, which has been at odds with what the people have demanded since I moved to this state in 2006.

It's time for the legislature to respect the will of the people and not attempt to block one arm of our government from exercising their constitutional authority over the executive, which has proven time and again that it cannot be trusted with power.



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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON JOLLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I do not support this bill. You all have seem to forgotten you work for the people of Missouri. We have informed you through ballot initiatives time and time again. This bill is dishonest and you know it. This bill is a waste on Missouri's time and money. Stop trying to throw manure at the wall and waiting to see what sticks.



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Please prevent legislators from taking away voters' rights by weakening the initiative petition process. Obviously, sponsors of this bill wish to prevent voters from getting fair ballot summaries by creating an unnecessary process for challenging misleading ballot measures.



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Missouri voters must have fair ballot summaries. The Missouri Initiative Petition process gives Missourians input in policies that are important to them. It is an essential part of Missouri's democracy. Missouri politicians must stop ignoring the will of the people.



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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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This bill is similar to SB 22 from a previous session which the Missouri Supreme Court recently struck down. Why is this bill even receiving a hearing? Allowing bills with flawed summary language to be re-written by the SOS 3X will cause unnecessary delays and negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure.



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Politicians are trying to confuse voters into giving away their rights. HB3146 would politicize the process and make it harder to challenge misleading ballot summaries.



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It is still the right and the duty of American citizens have a responsibility to vote for representatives that pursue their interests. Many times government has already made the items language difficult. Do I vote Yes and that means don't pass it? Or do I vote yes and it means it you want it to pass. Please Quit trying to confuse voters and undermine what they voted for.



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Enshrining 3 chances to write fair and clear ballot language speaks embarrassingly to the inept and/or biased approach of a SOS to this important responsibility. We should be able to trust an SOS to do this on the first try without playing games and delaying the process of bringing issues to the ballot. MO has seen far too many examples of unfair ballot language. Stop it now.



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HB 3146 should not move forward. It appears to be a transparent redo of SB 22 which the MO Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional. The delays in the process and the money it costs for the lawsuits are unwarranted.



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Why do you keep trying to cheat the people of Missouri? Represent us fairly!



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The Supreme Court already said this was illegal.			



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WITNESS NAME: SKYLER HAWKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am submitting public testimony in opposition of HB 3146. Five times in recent months ballot summaries written by Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins have been rejected by the courts. Denny Hoskin's attorney is on record stating "On a further reflection of the ballot title, the secretary has come to believe that the language, though defensible, does come close enough to the line of being inherently argumentative and likely to create prejudice," in a recent Missouri Independent article, released January 9th. I question why our legislators are passing laws giving the Secretary of State a job that he has already proven he is not qualified to do.

This Let Politicians lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots. Missouri voters deserve fair ballot summaries – this is critical to our direct democracy. The Initiative Petition process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. And yet somehow, instead of our legislator welcoming and working with the very thing our democracy is built upon "The will of the voters shall be the supreme law" – they are opening passing policies that put barriers for just that. I would implore you to vote against HB 3146 and start working for democracy and your constituents and not with the GOP and corporate interest.



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WITNESS NAME: SONJA SADOVSKY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Why is the Legislature wasting our time and state revenue resubmitting this bogus legislation that has already been deemed unconstitutional by MO Supreme Court? Concerned voters are beginning to wonder if you have forgotten your actual purpose, which is to present solutions to problems that effect the entire state. Instead you are burning valuable session time attempting to ignore the State constitution and the will of the voters. Please come to your senses and vote in opposition to this noise and remember the purpose of your positions is to enact laws, not subvert them.



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Chairman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Spencer Toder, and I'm the Executive Director of Missouri Right to Education. Our ballot initiative has one goal: to make high-quality public education a fundamental right for every child in Missouri. I live in St. Louis, and I also spend a great deal of time at my family's farm in Leslie, in Franklin County — represented by the sponsor of this bill.

I'd like to ask you to humor me for a moment and imagine something.

Imagine you are not in a position of power.

Imagine your priorities are not aligned with those of the Secretary of State.

In fact, imagine we're talking about a future Secretary of State — someone you strongly disagree with.

Now imagine there is one policy you believe is absolutely right for Missouri. Something you know would help families, strengthen communities, and improve lives. But it never quite rises to the top of the legislative agenda.

For the sake of this thought experiment, let's call that policy freedom. We all support freedom, so it's a safe placeholder.

If you can't get it through the legislature, you still have an option: the initiative petition process. You go out and gather nearly 200,000 signatures from Missourians just for the chance to place the issue on the ballot. Then you try to persuade 1.5 million voters to support it. That's already a steep climb — but it's fair. It's the people's process.

Now here's the twist.

Instead of the ballot title saying your amendment would expand freedom, the Secretary of State writes that its most likely result is that everyone in Missouri will be required to eat boogers for breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

It's ridiculous. It makes no sense. But it doesn't have to.

It just has to confuse voters, drain your resources, and run out the clock.

That is exactly what happened to us.

I'm here today because, whether by intent or misunderstanding, the Secretary of State certified a ballot title for our education amendment that effectively said "boogers are on the menu." We spent five months and tens of thousands of dollars in court before a judge ruled that the language was inaccurate and misleading.

That was a waste of our resources. It was a waste of state resources. And most importantly, it delayed the ability of Missouri voters to even consider the question.

SB 22 created a system that allows this kind of delay and distortion. This bill would make it worse by giving the Secretary of State multiple opportunities to revise language in ways that can continue to mischaracterize an initiative — even after a court has identified problems.

This isn't about whether you agree with an amendment. Reasonable people can debate policy. This is

about whether any one official should have the power to effectively keep an issue off the ballot by describing it as “boogers,” knowing the courts may fix it eventually — but only after precious time and money are gone.

There is nothing partisan about freedom, just as there is nothing partisan about public education. Every community in Missouri depends on it. And there should be nothing partisan about the initiative petition process.

None of you, individually, has the power to unilaterally block legislation you dislike. It takes debate, votes, and consensus. Why should one statewide official have the power to obstruct the people’s process simply by telling voters that “boogers are on the menu,” when we know — and a judge will ultimately confirm — that it isn’t true?

I urge you to oppose this bill and protect a fair, functional initiative process for everyone — including yourselves, should you one day find yourselves fighting for freedom, or whatever issue is important to you.

Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: STACY MACHADO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. If the secretary of state needs multiple rewrites to get the information correct, then the secretary of state is incompetent and should be removed.



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WITNESS NAME: STELLA L HARPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Stop ignoring what Missouri voters want. Stop trying to rig the system to what you want, disregarding the will of the people. I am concerned about the health of women, and their right to choose abortion if wanted, or needed.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GURLEY-THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE WEBBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a resident of Missouri, I believe this bill is a blatant attempt to subvert the right of Missourians to have their voices heard, and to be truly represented by those we elect to political office to do exactly that. We cannot allow checks and balances within our system to be uprooted, no matter how convincing the language used to rationalize it is. If this bill passes, not only would an important source of accountability be denied, but it would allow further manipulation of voters. Voters deserve to be fully informed, in no uncertain terms or confusing language, of the decisions they are making that will determine the way our state serves the people who reside in it.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN WEISSMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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3146 would unnecessarily delay and obstruct the courts' efforts to correct misleading ballot summaries. This legislation is another attempt to sabotage the voters' right to referendums. It is inimical to democracy by letting politicians undo and even reverse the people's decisions.



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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN M HAILE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN ROBERT DAKOPOLOS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We the people have the right to petition OUR government. This bill threatens and silences the voices of Missouri citizens. It is despicable that our own legislature is even considering this bill. SHAME !



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WITNESS NAME: SUE TOUCHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose any legislation that limits the people's right to have a clear understanding of the wording and no ability to change



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WITNESS NAME: SUMMER JOSEPHSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a Missouri voter & I am opposed to HB 3146 because it creates another avenue for Missouri's legislators to delay & interfere with the voting process.

Accurate & concise summaries of ballot issues critical for voters to make informed decisions at the polls. However, Missouri's legislature has a history of using "ballot candy", additional information that hides the bill's intent & re-stating things that are already laws, to mislead voters. Historically, misleading summary statements have been rectified only through action by courts.

Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays, wasting tax payer money, & other important state resources. Furthermore, this would restrict the time available for informing voters about ballot measures.

If the Secretary of State is unable to write an accurate & concise ballot measure on the first try, maybe they are not up to the task of administering fair elections. They should not be allowed to waste our resources and impede voter education by submitting revision after revision.

This bill would open yet another avenue for Missouri's politicians to abuse their power.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN F. HEROLD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Missouri Constitution has firmly stated that Missourians have the right to the Initiative and Petition process. It is a way for Missourians of all beliefs to have a say in how they are governed. It is a direct threat to democracy to impede this process with ballot language contrived to deceive voters and with attempts to deny the people's voice.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Only someone with intent to mislead voters would support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN LAMMERT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This would allow politicians to lie to the public about what they are voting for. Bad Idea.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN MCCALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Bite Mo on this bill. The will of the People should be the supreme law of the land.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN SHUMWAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB3146 would create a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process to challenge an unfair or misleading summary statement of any ballot measure. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN TESTROETE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 3146 represents a renewed attempt to advance the substance of SB 22, which was recently struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court. The bill undermines the integrity of the initiative petition process by altering established rules in response to outcomes the sponsor disagrees with, rather than respecting the will of voters. As written, it risks manipulating the democratic process and weakening Missourians' constitutional right to direct citizen-led initiatives.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN TOUCHON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm in opposition of this bill. This complicates the process. Taking away the citizens right to contest the language limits ours rights



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WITNESS NAME: SUZY LATARE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: TAMARA RAE SZABO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please vote NO. The Politicians' Right to Lie Act would let politicians lie and drag out the initiative petition process. This would give MO Secretary of State Denny Hoskins three tries to rewrite a ballot summary before a court steps in and writes a fair, unbiased summary for voters to see when they're at the ballot box. This creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process for challenging misleading ballot language, therefore making it harder for voters to receive clear and accurate information at the ballot box.



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WITNESS NAME: TANYA SANGER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Government, local, state and federal, has **ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS** being involved in decisions made between my doctor and me! IF unwanted pregnancies are a concern, **START HOLDING MEN ACCOUNTABLE** and NOT just with child support!!! Women don't get pregnant by themselves AND **CHILD SUPPORT** alone is **INSUFFICIENT!!** Without affordable childcare and a "village" helping with doctor appointments, healthcare, school supplies, clothing, dealing with sick days (when child can't be at childcare or school), school activities, college education, etc etc., how is a woman to work and provide a child all that is needed? **HOW ABOUT MANDATING MEN HAVE VASECTOMIES UNTIL THEY'RE FULLY READY TO HAVE AND SUPPORT A CHILD!!** When ready, men can have a vasectomy reversed. Does this sound offensive to your groin? Your attempts at **LAWS ON OUR VAGINAS ARE FAR MORE OFFENSIVE!!**



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WITNESS NAME: TARA HALLMARK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This immediate state action to reverse the will of the voters can be quantified by the hours to support this insult of government integrity and public trust.

The petty antagonistic legislative action against the citizens can be calculated on the same playbook used constantly by this party to grift and construct legislation framed to badly impact the most vulnerable.

As the calendar runs out of Time for democracy; the working folks paying taxes are set up to be harmed over and over with this type of process and abuse of power to lie to masses.

It is an insult to the people you have already silenced and the ones you continue to silence.

It is abuse in all forms.



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WITNESS NAME: TARA REUTER JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Write ballot language correctly the first time instead of wasting taxpayer money in attempts to make ballot language deceiving.



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WITNESS NAME: TAYLOR JEFFERY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Based on the research I was able to do this bill has the ability to unfairly gives control of the wording of a ballot measure into a single parties hands, whoever is currently in office, which is a disadvantage to voters who can already become confused when reading ballots. Voters deserve fair ballot summaries in order to make informed decisions that are critical to our democracy. I think those elected on either side need to remember they serve the people who elected them. A part of that is leaving your personal opinion aside when writing ballot language to ensure the people can make a choice that is not swayed by what the politician wants because they used it as a campaign strategy or a personal moral issue.



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WITNESS NAME: TERESA WILLIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I write to oppose Missouri HB 3146.

This bill weakens voter clarity and access under the guise of “technical” changes. Expanding ballot summary language from 50 to 100 words increases the risk of legal jargon and confusion, making it harder for everyday voters to understand what they are voting on.

HB 3146 also centralizes ballot challenges in Cole County and shortens procedural timelines. This creates unnecessary barriers for citizens and grassroots groups, favoring those with money, legal teams, and proximity to Jefferson City.

Ballot language should be clear, simple, and accessible. This bill moves Missouri in the opposite direction. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 3146.

Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: TERI MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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These legislators in particularly the men are trying to control women's bodies with semantics and it's illegal We are not owned or dependent on conservative male manipulation of words to determine our worth or choices We have inalienable rights according to the US Constitution



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WITNESS NAME: TERRI BELSER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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It is your job as Missouri representatives to vote on what your constituents say... SO DO IT! We voted to allow legal abortion in this state and to allow female health care to continue.



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WITNESS NAME: THE REV. DR. TERESA DANIELEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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As someone who has volunteered on grassroots ballot initiatives since 2006, I strongly oppose HB 3146, which seems like a re-write of SB 22, which the Missouri Supreme Court just found unconstitutional. Voters deserve to have fair summaries as they are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. Successfully getting a grassroots ballot initiative onto the ballot, let alone successfully passed and then retained as law is an incredibly difficult process. No more impediments are needed.



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WITNESS NAME: THOMAS W MARINCEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements



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I oppose HR 3146 because it takes away the rights of citizens of Missouri. Our constitution guarantees the right of citizens to create petitions and to amend the constitution based on the will of the people. Stop trying to defy the will of the majority of people.



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This creates a lengthy, unnecessary, and complicated process for challenging misleading ballot language, therefore making it harder for voters to receive clear and accurate information at the ballot box. It's important to protect our democracy and America's citizens, and letting this pass would do neither.



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As an individual small business owner, I oppose HB 3146. This bill removes the ability of citizens to challenge unconstitutional or misleading language in legislatively referred constitutional amendments by prohibiting courts from changing summary statements

Missouri has a history of misleading summary statements that have been rectified only through action by courts

It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading in order for voters to make informed decisions on how they choose to use their votes

Under this proposed law, if the courts find that the summary language is flawed, rather than rewriting it, the court will have to send it back to the Secretary of State up to three times, causing unnecessary delays. This would negatively impact the time needed to inform voters about a ballot measure



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1. Secretary of State intentionally writes deceptive ballot language.
 2. The courts are designed to be a check on the powers of the legislative branch.
 3. If the courts determine the SOS acted in bad faith when writing the language, why should the SOS get 3 more chances to act in bad faith?
- This idea is absurd. If you don't want the courts to rewrite the ballot language, then you should write **ACCURATE** ballot language and stop wasting the peoples time and money. We are sick of the petulant child behavior of our government. Grow up!



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God does not like dishonesty.



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I urge the committee to vote NO on HB3146. This bill is a shameless, redundant attempt to replace SB22 just recently struck down unanimously by the MO Supreme Court as unconstitutional. The attempts to sabotage the initiative petition process and purposely slow it down. Not only that, but allowing the Secy of State multiple attempts at writing ballot language is deceptive, biased, and confusing. Voters deserve clear and unbiased ballot language to understand the measure. I urge this committee and this legislature to honor over 100 years of citizens initiatives in Missouri, and end these repeated attacks on the people's direct democracy. Vote NO on HB 3146



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Fair ballot language is essential for the direct democracy that Missourians have been able to engage in for 100 years. Politicizing the process would be detrimental for voters by making hard to be well informed on ballot measures.



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I am a Missouri voter & think we Missourians should have fair ballot summaries & be able to participate in our democracy. The non-partisan ballot initiative process has been happening for more than a century & should continue.



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WITNESS NAME: VICKI RASSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose HB 3146. Democracy depends on truth. Voters deserve truthful, fair, & straightforward ballot summaries.

The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the honest will of the people. Politicians should bow to the will of the people, their voters. Instead they try to deceive them in order to maintain power.

We voted for you, and so you work for us. Please vote NO on HB3146.



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WITNESS NAME: VICTOR IMGARTEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please respect the will of the voters, we have spoken. Majority rules not big backers \$\$\$\$



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WITNESS NAME: VICTOR R MANGLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri citizens have the right to continue majority rule, which has been law for over 100 years



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WITNESS NAME: VICTORIA VANDEVEER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The fact that this bill is called/nicknamed the "let politicians lie act" should speak for itself. You need to respect the voters. Period.



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The Let Politicians Lie bills have always been about retaliating against the people's votes to legalize abortion and the Court's refusal to let them lie about abortion on our ballots.

Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy.

The People's Initiative Petition process gives Missourians the freedom to make decisions about policies that will impact them and their families. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.

The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When out-of-touch politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians can take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy.

This bill is simply another attempt to thwart the will of the voters of Missouri and overturn decisions already voted on by Missourians. The legislature is supposed to be carrying out the will of the people not actively working against them.



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Voters deserve fair ballot summaries, because these summaries are critical to our 100+ year history of direct democracy. If the secretary of state needs multiple rewrites to get the information correct, then the secretary of state is incompetent and should be removed.



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It is critical that summaries of ballot issues be accurate and not misleading so that voters are able to make informed decisions when casting a vote. Judges should continue to have the ability to rewrite ballot language in a way that accurately reflects the proposed law.



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WITNESS NAME: WENDY FLUSSER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The IP process provides Missourians a direct path to participate in our democracy. When politicians in Jefferson City ignore what voters and their families want, Missourians must take a stand and push for change directly. The process is an essential part of Missouri's democracy. Missouri voters have relied on the non-partisan ballot initiative process for more than a hundred years.



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Missourians have a constitutional right to present a referendum to the voters in a way that clearly states its intent. No Secretary of State should interfere with a process that has been brought by thousands of petition signers to bring an important issue to the voters by misrepresenting the issue in the ballot language or using deliberate delaying tactics to stall or kill the mission of the referendum.



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I oppose Missouri HB 3146.

This bill weakens voter clarity and access under the guise of “technical” changes. Expanding ballot summary language from 50 to 100 words increases the risk of legal jargon and confusion, making it harder for everyday voters to understand what they are voting on.

HB 3146 also centralizes ballot challenges in Cole County and shortens procedural timelines. This creates unnecessary barriers for citizens and grassroots groups, favoring those with money, legal teams, and proximity to Jefferson City.

Ballot language should be clear, simple, and accessible. This bill moves Missouri in the opposite direction. I urge lawmakers to reject HB 3146.

Thank you.



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OPPOSE HB 3146

This bill promotes lengthy, deceptive ballot summaries and greatly limits the Missouri citizens' right to have a voice. Ballot language can already be confusing. This bill allows for further confusion, thus promoting deception. It undermines Missourians' voices by placing strict limitations on initiative petitions. Missourians already have a distrust of the government. This bill validates that distrust. Missourians deserve to have simple and clear ballot language and the ability to continue being heard, as we have for over a century, with our current initiative petitions. Oppose HB 3146



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This bill prohibits courts from changing summary statements on ballot issues and in so doing prevents citizens from challenging misleading or unconstitutional language. It is essential for ballot issue summaries to be accurate and not misleading so that voters will be able to make informed decisions when they vote.



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I don't think this is a good idea. Ballot summaries are essential to Missouri's 100+ year tradition of direct democracy. Voters deserve fair, unbiased information -- not political manipulation.



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