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**Testimony Before the Missouri House Committee on Emerging Issues**

**Date: March 9, 2026**

**To: Chairman Christ and Members of the House Committee on Emerging Issues**

**From: Adam McBride, Director of Advocacy, PreventEd**

**Re: Support for HB3204 (Stinnett) – Tax Credit for Contributions to Prevention Resource Centers**

Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee. For the record, my name is Adam McBride, Director of Advocacy at PreventEd. Thank you, Representative Stinnett, for sponsoring this important issue.

For over 60 years, PreventEd has served as a leading non-profit across eastern Missouri, delivering comprehensive education, early intervention, and recovery services while leading regional advocacy efforts aimed at reducing the harms of alcohol and other drug use. Annually, our primary prevention efforts reach over 60,000 K-12 students. Additionally, we train over 3,000 students each year in teen Mental Health First Aid, equipping them to identify and respond to peers in crisis. Beyond primary prevention, we provide critical early intervention, peer support, and assessment services to over 800 teens and adults each year, while also offering vital training and technical guidance to 27 community coalitions across our region.

Today, however, I would like to speak on behalf of Missouri’s entire prevention infrastructure. As one of ten Prevention Resource Centers—or PRCs—operating across the state, our network ensures that communities from the urban cores to our most rural counties have access to localized prevention strategies.

PRCs provide the vital infrastructure that serves as the backbone for local coalitions, schools, law enforcement, and families. Led by certified prevention specialists, we deliver comprehensive school-based education, provide crucial early intervention services, and equip local task forces and coalitions with the technical assistance and best practices needed to address substance use trends before they become full-blown crises.

**This proactive approach offers Missouri a powerful return on investment: preventing substance use disorders is exponentially cheaper than managing their aftermath. Every PRC dollar actively works to divert citizens from the costly consequences of misuse. Collectively, we reduce both the profound social toll and the heavy budgetary burdens placed on our healthcare, criminal justice, and emergency response systems. More importantly, we work to preserve the health, safety, and economic potential of Missouri's workforce and our youth.**

**Despite this return on investment, unpredictable shifts in federal grants and state budget constraints currently threaten the continuity of prevention services. HB3204 provides PRCs the best opportunity to stabilize our foundation through a braided funding model. By establishing a 70% state tax credit, this legislation honors our work just as Missouri already supports other critical services. Similar to the successful incentives for Domestic Violence Shelters or Children in Crisis programs, HB3204 empowers local individuals and businesses to invest directly in the vitality, safety, and long-term resilience of their own communities.**

**While we are advocating for this specific tool today, we recognize the conversation happening around Missouri's broader tax policy. However, passing HB3204 right now remains vital. In the near term, it offers the potential to augment funding—especially when there is federal and state uncertainty. Furthermore, it explicitly establishes substance use prevention as a state priority, ensuring we are at the table for potential- future conversations about how Missouri transitions to new models of public-private partnerships.**

**Thank you for your time and your dedication to the well-being of our state. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration of this issue and your partnership in protecting Missouri's communities. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.**

**Respectfully,  
Adam McBride  
Director of Advocacy  
PreventEd**



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**I am Opposed to this Tax-Credit.**



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HB 3204 establishes a tax credit equal to seventy percent of contributions made to prevention resource centers within the Department of Mental Health’s prevention network, subject to an annual statewide cap of \$2.5 million.

While the promotion of substance abuse prevention and public health initiatives is an important policy objective, the bill raises several structural considerations that warrant careful review.

First, the legislation delegates authority to the Director of the Department of Mental Health to determine which facilities qualify as prevention resource centers eligible to receive tax-credited contributions. Although the statute references the existing prevention resource center network, the scope of the director’s discretion should remain clearly defined to ensure consistent and transparent eligibility determinations.

Second, HB 3204 establishes a substantial state tax credit for private contributions. As with any tax credit program, the fiscal effect operates as a reduction in state revenue. Legislators may wish to consider whether the structure of the credit, including the seventy-percent reimbursement rate and the annual program cap, appropriately balances public health objectives with the broader fiscal responsibilities of the state.

Finally, the legislation contains a nonseverability clause linked to legislative rule review authority under Chapter 536. If future court decisions alter the legislature’s role in administrative rule review, the clause could invalidate the rulemaking authority associated with this program.

These considerations do not necessarily render the bill unconstitutional. However, they illustrate areas where careful statutory design and administrative clarity will be important to ensure consistent implementation and effective oversight.

For these reasons, HB 3204 warrants thoughtful review as the committee evaluates the fiscal and administrative implications of the proposed tax credit program.