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These resolutions are vital steps toward the bold, pro-growth tax reforms our state desperately needs.

Governor Kehoe has issued a clear and compelling call to eliminate Missouri's outdated state income tax, a tax that burdens hardworking families, deters job creators, and holds back our economic potential. In his recent State of the State address and ongoing advocacy, he has emphasized that Missourians can spend their own money far better than government ever could, driving real growth and opportunity.

The Freedom Principle MO stands firmly with the Governor on this priority. To remain competitive, Missouri must fully eliminate the income tax and the burdensome personal property tax. Neighboring states like Tennessee have already done away with their income tax, reaping the rewards in business relocations, population growth, and prosperity. Iowa continues aggressive rate reductions, and others are following suit.

If we fail to act decisively, we risk falling further behind in attracting families, entrepreneurs, and investment to our great state.

Both bills represent a promising start by proposing constitutional changes that advance tax reform and set the stage for phasing out the income tax. However, for any final package to deliver true, lasting relief and fiscal responsibility, it should include the following essential elements:

- Full elimination of the state income tax before any new tax can be implemented.
- Implementation of strict spending caps that are not tied to revenue fluctuations, to enforce discipline and prevent unchecked government expansion.
- While these resolutions provide offsets for personal property taxes, we must go further—we can and should eliminate this outdated tax, removing a direct penalty on ownership of vehicles, equipment, and other essentials for Missouri families and small businesses.
- Significant reform to real estate taxes to avoid harmful shifts that could increase the burden on homeowners and property owners.
- Closing loopholes exploited by school districts and other taxing entities through necessary adjustments to the Hancock Amendment, strengthening taxpayer protections, enforcing revenue limits without exemptions, and preventing backdoor tax increases that undermine the amendment's original intent.

These enhancements would align with the Governor's vision and the principles we champion at the Freedom Principle MO: putting Missourians first, restoring trust in government, and creating a modern, competitive tax system that fuels freedom and opportunity.

Missouri stands at a pivotal moment. By advancing these bills with these critical improvements, we can eliminate archaic taxes, cap spending responsibly, and build a brighter economic future for every Missourian.

The Freedom Principle MO urges this committee to move these resolutions forward with the bold reforms needed to make them truly transformative.



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Great idea to cut state income taxes! This will help existing residents and help attract new residents. We are competing with Texas, Tennessee and other such states who have already approved elimination of state income taxes.



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I support eliminating state income tax



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No property tax



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**Eliminating the income tax!
Stop penalizing hard working Americans
for working!
And by cleaning out the fraud, there will be plenty of money to replace the egregious income tax!**



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Some reasons for a consumption tax:

- # corporations and businesses do NOT pay taxes; people do
 - #* they pass all taxes onto the consumer (embedded in retail item price)
 - #* FairTax makes all taxes transparent
- # You get to keep your entire pay check
- # More people will share the burden of tax income
 - #* everyone pays sales tax: travelers, black market, etc
 - #** broadens the number of people paying in
 - #* eliminates income tax loopholes (commonly exploited by wealthy)
- # State gov is tied directly to the economy of the state
 - #* State revenue can no longer grow disparate from the health of the economy
- # Consolidates income, estate, and corporate taxes into a single tax
 - #* This simplifies the reduction of taxes
- # Forces the wealthy to pay more taxes
 - #* when they spend more they pay more taxes
 - #* no loopholes



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I support legislation to eliminate Missouri's income tax because it would directly benefit families like mine. Eliminating the income tax would allow us to keep more of what we earn and make responsible financial decisions for our household. We can control what we spend, thereby controlling how my tax we pay in. We currently pay thousands of dollars each year in income taxes, money that could instead be used to pay down debt, save for emergencies, and invest in our family's future. Returning that money to Missouri families strengthens household stability and, in turn, our local economy. The amount of tax my spouse pays in for MO State income tax in 1 year is almost equivalent to the income from the full time job I'm currently applying for. I'm returning to the work force because we need additional income to raise our young grandchildren.



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Nine other states are without state income tax and are suffering no major adverse effects. The casino and entertainment taxes should be used to supplement any shortfall. All states without state income tax are thriving and makes it much more attractive to live,work,and have a business in that state there sales tax rates are comparable to the state of Mo..



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Eliminate income taxes



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I support this bill.



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This is where I live and I believe that we shouldn't have prices outrageously going up.



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Stand with the working families of MO who need the public education and health services funded through the state income tax. MO is already ranked 33 out of 50 on education by the US News and World Report. Cutting the income tax would bring the quality of our public education even lower. If the legislative body truly wants to stand with families and with kids, they will not cut the state income taxes that fund the services on which we rely!



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These measures will only help the 1%. It's more viable and better for all Missourians if you lower sales tax and increase the income tax. Currently the opposite is happening. How are government resources going to be available to the public services, social services, museums, schools, education, public safety and transportation if they have zero funding?



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I am a Missouri resident, a homeowner, and part of a single household earning under 50k a year. Like many working families, most of our income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. We do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and we do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri’s tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower-middle income renters like us, this is not a tax cut, but a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a Missourian, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri’s ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173 & 174.



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Do not get rid of Income Tax and replace it with Sales Tax instead. This will severely hurt working Missourians by putting the tax burden on them. Kansas did something similar and it wrecked their state economy. Do Not Do This.



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As a parent, I'm really worried about what eliminating the state income tax would mean for my family. This kind of change may benefit the wealthiest Missourians, but it puts families like mine in a tougher spot. Costs are already climbing, and our budget is stretched thin as it is. Adding sales tax to everyday necessities like rent, car repairs, or even a haircut would make it extremely hard to keep up. I strongly urge you to vote no on HJR174. We cannot keep handing out large tax breaks to the richest residents and expect working families to absorb the cost. That's not fair, and it's not sustainable.



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This legislation is a slap in the face to every Missourian and I strongly oppose it!



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Increasing sales tax in order to eliminate income tax disproportionately burdens the poor.**



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Do not pass these bait and switch bills. This is a regressive tax increase on working Missourians. If we reduce income tax, we know we will need to increase sales tax to meet our obligations. This is a plan to cut effective tax rates for the rich while disproportionately shifting the burden of funding the state to the poor. Let people who benefit most from a healthy and functioning society pay a proportional amount.



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I disagree and oppose this legislation. To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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I am a middle class citizen that pays thousands in state income taxes and I do not want the income tax reduced or eliminated. It's important for our infrastructure. I've been to pretty much every state that doesn't have income tax and you can tell. I don't want to drive on worse roads to buy more expensive items because revenue had to be made up via sales tax, which isn't a good substitute. Things are already getting too expensive for the average person as is.



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Eliminating income tax and increasing sales taxes is a terrible idea. It harms the working class people that pay a larger percentage of their income for necessities than the wealthy do. It's grossly unfair and will only benefit the wealthy.



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The people have spoken, you do not get to refute that in this state.



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Eliminating the income tax will leave a \$8.7 billion gap in our general revenue budget. Working people will be left to pay the price for this crazy tax cut - that only benefits the richest Missourians. Everyday services like childcare, rent, and home and auto repairs go up – hurting working-class families the most, because we already spend more of our income just trying to get by day to day. By voting for this, you will be passing on revenue costs to the working class and creating more cost and stress.



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Bad idea. Will cause issues and more money for Missourians.



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I feel that if the state income tax is repealed then other taxes will be increased affecting the poor and elderly.



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I oppose Missouri HJR 173/174 because they create permanent constitutional mandates with unknown costs and no clear taxpayer protections. Locking broad policy into the constitution limits budget flexibility and increases the risk of higher taxes, unfunded mandates, and costly legal challenges. Major fiscal decisions should remain in statute, where costs can be reviewed, adjusted, or repealed to protect Missouri taxpayers.



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Missouri collected \$9.2 billion from individual income tax before refunds in the 2025 fiscal year. Generating the same revenue on the current sales tax base would require an additional sales tax of about 8.5%. These funds pay for social services like schools, prisons and medical care. The lack of details on what will and won't be taxed is a HUGE problem. If you take revenue from income tax away, the average citizen will be unable to afford gas, clothing and other basic necessities like food. Missouri is not a state that receives a large income from tourism where sales tax rates can easily cover needed revenue for social services. Also, those citizens living along the border of states with lower sales tax rates will flee to those states for purchases resulting in less money injected into the Missouri economy.



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I do not support this.



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HR 173 will disproportionately benefit the rich, who pay a larger share of income tax, and make it more expensive for low-to-middle-income families to purchase everyday necessities. I am also concerned that funding for Missouri's essential services, including public education for our children, could be jeopardized.

I oppose tax changes in Missouri that disproportionately benefit the rich, harm the poor, and have the potential to negatively impact essential services.



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Sales tax can't make up the difference of eliminating income tax without destroying our state budget. I want my income tax dollars to fund schools and roads and functioning state agencies for the public good. Sales taxes will out a disproportionate burden on the lowest income residents in our state.



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To build a strong Missouri, we need quality schools, reliable roads, and healthy communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed for those critical investments. Even worse, it would add a \$5 BILLION deficit to our budget, meaning most Missourians would end up paying more while getting less in return.



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This will destroy the financial security of the majority of Missouri residents, and benefit the wealthy who don't need to be any richer. Do what is in the best interests if the citizens of this state and oppose this measure! For crying out loud our schools are 50th in the nation, passing this measure will make things even worse.



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Swapping out the income tax for a greatly expanded sales tax is a lose-lose proposal for Missourians, our communities and our economy:

- 60-80% of Missourians would see a net tax increase under this proposal.
- Based on consumer spending data from the US Bureau of Economic Analysis, and assuming that health care and housing would be exempt from the sales tax, the proposal would create a \$5 billion hole in the state budget.
- Increasing costs for average Missourians by taxing the products and services they use every day will make it more difficult for Missouri families to get ahead. Cuts to public services including education, health and mental health and infrastructure will harm our communities. Both impacts will harm our economy and make it harder for Missouri to compete.

Increasing Taxes on Average Missourians

Missouri already has an upside-down tax structure, where Missourians earning the least contribute a higher share of their incomes than Missourians earning the most. If you make \$20,000 a year, you pay almost 10% of your income in state and local taxes, but someone making \$1.7 million pays less than 6% of their income in state and local taxes. Replacing the income tax with a greatly expanded sales tax will compound this.

In fact, according to the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), a median income Missourian, those making \$65,400 per year, would face a \$535 net tax increase under the scheme. The tax increase will be even more pronounced for seniors and those who rely on Social Security or public pensions for their income because their income is largely already exempt from income tax.

This tax increase results because Missourians don't pay income tax on all of their income. In addition to exemptions on Social Security and pension income, Missouri does not tax the income of active-duty military members nor income from serving in the National Guard or Reserves. In addition, most Missourians take the federal standard deduction, which reduces the income that is used to calculate state income taxes (the federal standard deduction for 2026 is \$16,100 for single tax filers and \$32,200 for married couples filing jointly).

Switching to a greatly expanded sales tax means that most Missourians will instead pay taxes on nearly every dollar of their income. Only the wealthiest 20% of Missourians – those with incomes

nearing \$300,000 and above – will see a decrease.

Creating a Massive Budget Hole

Missouri's income tax supports nearly 2/3 of Missouri's state general revenue budget – a critical state funding source for K-12 schools, mental health services, children's services like childcare and foster care, and services for older adults like meals on wheels and respite care.

Assuming real estate and health care services are exempt, the proposed new sales taxes would generate significantly less revenue than the income tax – blowing a \$5 billion hole in the state budget. That's more than the general revenue the state contributes to local K-12 schools and higher education & workforce development combined – including the entire university system & community colleges, scholarships, and job centers & apprenticeships.

The cuts to the state budget that would be required under this scenario would be catastrophic and would have reverberating impacts on Missouri's communities and economy.

For comparison, Individual Income Tax currently generates nearly \$8 billion in revenue. The greatly expanded sales tax would only generate slightly more than \$3 billion.

Missouri already faces a \$2 billion budget deficit resulting from previous tax cuts.

Estimated Revenue from Taxing Services in MO

Based on applying the 3% general revenue sales tax to consumer spending using Missouri Consumer Spending data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Revenue Captured if ALL Services were taxed (including Health Care and Housing)

\$6,511,692,000

Less Health Care and Housing (-3,451,881,000)

NET Tax Revenue Captured by Taxing Services (Less Health & Housing/Utilities)

\$3,059,811,000

Impact on Economy

Proponents of eliminating the income tax often point to states that don't have an income tax as a "model". However, these states have resources that Missouri does not have – like gas, oil and other natural resources – AND their sales and property taxes result in higher taxes on average families than Missouri.

States such as Tennessee, Florida, and Texas that do not levy an income tax are not low-tax for everyone. Instead they are only low-tax for the wealthy, while low-and-moderate income earners pay a higher share of their income in state and local taxes as compared to Missouri and most other states.

If Missouri were to follow in these footsteps, average families would pay more and have less discretionary income to use in the local economy.

Comparisons to states that do not levy an income tax are often comparing apples to oranges. Each state economy is driven by unique conditions that don't always translate to Missouri.

While Texas has seen rapid growth in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in recent years, the primary driver of that growth is the oil and gas industry. In fact, Texas is by far the leading producer of both oil and gas in the nation, an option not available to Missouri.

Florida and Tennessee both rely heavily on tourism. This tourism drives growth - but also allows the states to tap into additional revenue streams, such as taxes that are levied primarily on out-of-state visitors. For comparison purposes:

- Branson (including Silver Dollar City) receives 10 million visitors/year,
- Orlando (including Disney and Universal Resorts) receives 68 million visitors.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park receives 12 million visitors/year, while the Gateway

Arch National Park sees just 2.5 million visitors/year.

Sustainable economic growth is driven by real improvements in the lives of everyday Missourians, not tax cuts for millionaires. Over the past decade, Missouri has passed tax cuts that cost the state \$3.8 billion each year. If tax cuts were the key to economic prosperity, Missouri would already be seeing the benefits. But real economic prosperity is complicated, and driven by a range of factors.

This means that there is no clear economic picture when comparing Missouri to states with income tax. In some areas, Missouri significantly outperforms states that do not levy an income tax - particularly those measures that more directly assess economic conditions for average residents. In other areas, Missouri's economic indicators are similar to or underperform these other states – a reflection of the fact that these states each have unique economies and demographic compositions.

	Personal Income Growth (Q1-Q2 2025)	GDP Growth (Q1-Q2 2025)	Labor Force Participation	Unemployment Rate	Long-Term Unemployment Rate
MO	6.4%	3.10%	63.2%	3.5%	0.44%
FL	6.7%	3.30%	57.9%	3.1%	0.61%
TX	6.4%	6.80%	65.2%	4.1%	0.78%
TN	3.9%	3.10%	59.5%	3.3%	0.87%
US	5.5%	3.80%	62.6%	4.0%	0.86%



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I do not want the income tax structure to change. Income tax is more fair than sales tax because those who earn more pay more. Removing income tax has had catastrophic results in other states. It's proven to be a bad idea. I do not want this for our state.



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HJR 173 makes claims to be good for Missouri taxpayers, but disproportionately targets and penalizes those who earn less income and benefits those who make more. Missouri laws should work for the good of all Missourians, not just some.



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As a mother and worker in this state we are seeing the drastic decline of spending in our small community. The cost of everything has drastically skyrocketed under this administration. People can barely afford to pay the daily cost of living. As representatives of your own community you have the duty of upholding will of the people and ensuring their safety. You are intentionally making us suffer and then lie to our faces to give tax breaks to your donors, You should be looking out for the wellbeing of your constituents and not your own self interest. Starving people will not get you re-elected. The children of this state will inherit the problems you create. Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians to the rest of us, is bad for working families and bad for our economy. We deserve transparency not lies. WE urge you to stop and think about the impact this will have on the poorest people in our community, and the elderly on fixed incomes. You all have family that live here that will suffer also.



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I am very concerned, as a Missourian, that eliminating state income tax will not help our state or the average worker; and \$8+billion loss in revenue will have to be covered elsewhere, and it is the "common" people who will face rising costs, not the already rich. This is not a good plan for Missouri.



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Removing the income tax will make our sales tax and property taxes go up, which will only benefit the wealthy. I'd prefer it stay as it is.



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Cutting income taxes only to raise sales taxes will harm the regular people while favoring the wealthy. That is not how we build a strong, vibrant state that will draw businesses. The last 50 years have taught those of us paying attention that wealth does not trickle down. In fact, to grow our state we need to be investing in the average person allowing wealth to bubble up.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in opposition to HJR 173 and HJR 174, which would eliminate Missouri’s state income tax and shift the burden of funding state government onto higher sales taxes.

Missouri’s income tax is the primary and most stable source of revenue supporting core services like public education, transportation infrastructure, public safety, healthcare, and services for seniors and people with disabilities. Eliminating it would create massive and permanent funding gaps that cannot realistically be filled without dramatically expanding and increasing sales taxes.

Sales taxes are inherently regressive. They take a larger share of income from working families and people on fixed incomes than from the wealthy. Under these proposals, Missourians would see higher taxes on everyday necessities and essential services — including rent, childcare, auto repair, utilities, and other services people rely on simply to live and work.

This is not a tax cut for most Missourians. It is a deliberate shift in responsibility away from large corporations, high earners, and those with significant investment income, and onto working people who already spend most of their income just meeting basic needs. The result is another policy that protects moneyed interests while increasing the financial strain on the working and middle class.

Other states that have attempted similar policies have faced budget shortfalls, service cuts, and long-term fiscal instability. Missouri should not gamble with the funding of schools, roads, emergency services, and public health in pursuit of an ideology that has repeatedly failed elsewhere.

If Missouri wants a fair and sustainable tax system, it should focus on protecting essential revenue, ensuring tax fairness, and strengthening the working class, not advancing policies that deepen inequality and privilege those already doing well.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the committee to oppose HJR 173 and HJR 174.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As a 50 year old public school teacher, this bill tells me you do not value the large amount of retired educators who stay in the state of Missouri after retirement. We do not relocate, we stay in our communities and spend our retirement dollars here. If my sales tax more than doubles, you can bet people will not stick around in retirement. We will seek states where our retired dollars go farther. The disabled work force, retired work force, and those who don't make enough to be taxed are the ones being targeted with this bill. Please stop this hand up to the wealthy and protect the majority of Missourians by not supporting the elimination of personal property or income tax. Keep things as fair as possible for everyone. We do not want to repeat what happened to Kansas!!



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I do not want higher sales tax and taxes on other items that were not taxed before.



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My family already pays too much for groceries and gas and utilities and repairs and random expenses. We cannot afford to pay more. Please do not raise the sales tax on the things we need to live. Tax those with the ability to give through the current income tax



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The Missouri Bar opposes this proposal. Increasing revenue via a sales or service tax could adversely impact Missourians and quickly become an access to justice issue. Public defenders, who provide criminal defense to indigent defendants, would now be compelled to tax the services they provide to impoverished defendants. Similarly, Legal Aid groups that provide civil counsel to indigent litigants would now be compelled to charge a tax to their clients – who could ill afford it. Attorneys who provide counsel to 501(c)(3) tax exempt organizations, such as churches or nonprofits, would now have to additionally burden those clients by adding a tax to their services. Prosecuting attorneys who frequently are called upon to provide legal counsel to county commissions would now have to tax for that advice. Were professional legal services NOT subject to the sales and service taxes envisioned in this proposal, The Missouri Bar could potentially support this proposal. Otherwise, we oppose it.



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I have no confidence in this States leadership- you are not good Stewards of our hard earned money now and bankrupting us further isn't going to help the people of this state or get my vote next election.



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Missouri is not top tier by any means in our country. Not education, healthcare, wealth, infant or maternal mortality or any other standard. I can not support cutting our income taxes and creating a hole in our budget that would only cut services to those who need them most. We need fiscal responsibility in our state and that means making sure that funds are spent well on the designated programs serving our people.



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I'm opposing this for multiple reasons, the first is the financial devastation this will do to my mother. Please know she has worked her entire life and volunteered when she retired. Now she is widowed, on a tight budget, and has just been diagnosed with dementia. We buy lots of items to help keep her living independently. The elimination of income tax will increase sales tax will devastate her financially. Please vote no.don't



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I'm a retired teacher on a fixed income, and I am a parent and grandparent of residents of this state. Eliminating the income tax only means the money has to be made up elsewhere, and it'll cost working families as well as elderly people by hugely increasing sales taxes on the goods and services we rely upon, while massively benefiting only those who are already quite wealthy. We saw what happened to Kansas when Brownback did this, why replicate that failed experiment? My family have always lived frugally and worked hard, we pay our fair share and expect others to do the same. There is no benefit to average citizens in this bill, I am opposed to this proposed legislation.



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I do not believe it is wise to change the fundamentals of our state's tax collection structure, especially at this time in our nation's trajectory. Changes of this nature hurt our most vulnerable populations & constituents will only see this as legislatures lining their own pockets. It is far more prudent to ensure the dollars collected for our state are spent appropriately.



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I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right.



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Eliminating the income tax and making up the shortfall with a sales tax is an undue burden on Missourians who are on limited incomes. This comes on the heels of changes in the SNAP system which again, only hurts Missourians who need it most. The general revenue in Missouri has paid for Elementary and Secondary Education, Mental Health, Workforce development, social services and so much more. We cannot afford to see the funding for these programs experience decreased funding while the people who rely on these programs experience increased cost of living. Missouri is already near the bottom when it comes to taxes. Without the services and quality of life provided by general revenue, we will NOT attract more residents. They will only leave.

My testimony will most likely mean nothing to you because even though many other Missourians, like myself will beg you not to eliminate income tax. You won't listen and won't care. However, I'm doing my best to exercise my democratic duty and let you know what I think.



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I'm not sure why this bill is even up for discussion. It seems horrible for Missourians. It could be financially catastrophic for our low-income citizens as well as for education and health care. I can't help but think that this bill is only in existence to further pander to the ultra-wealthy. As public servants, you need to put your constituents first and not your wealthy donors. Shame on you.



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As a business owner, there are no benefits in deleting 66% of your revenue. No one should take any entity seriously who decides this is a financially sound move. Placing the new tax burden onto sales/use tax only negatively affects my customers, our economy, and Missouri. I urge you to oppose elimination of income tax



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Missouri needs and intends to extract the required tax revenue to function as a government. Why should the burden of this extraction be shifted to those whose everyday purchases are the difference between subsistence and poverty? If those of higher incomes don't want to pay the taxes necessary to keep society running, they should quit society. The rest of us want to give what we can of what we have to help our neighbors with less.



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I am opposed to HJR 173.



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Eliminating the income tax and replacing it with some kind of sales tax is a monumental task and I don't trust the legislature to do this correctly. In all your calculations, what you forecast and what actually happens are two different things, not to mention math mistakes along the way. I note the wildly inaccurate cost estimate for legislation eliminating the capital gains tax, A \$250 million mistake in state budget estimates released earlier this month, and Drafting errors in two different income tax cut proposals.

These resolutions do not specify a sales tax rate to replace the income tax. The exact list of things to be taxed, and the rate needed to replace current revenue, will be decided later. There are too many unknowns here for me to support these proposals. As a senior citizen, I don't want to pay additional sales tax on goods and services that are already too high especially on food, prescriptions, and utilities. I don't want to give up my constitutional right to vote on a tax increase. We need the income tax to pay for essential services. The governor wants to cut spending, but he's cutting spending in places that hurt me like public transportation. The existence of an income tax is not the only factor in a person's decision to move to or move from a state. Personally, I moved from Illinois to Missouri for employment. I did not think about income tax; I just needed a job.



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We need to stop these bills from passing. It would completely destroy our economy for those of us already struggling to make it as it is. Sure removing income taxes sounds great until you realize what the exchange would be. We would have increased property taxes, continuing to pay for things we have already paid for once. We would have increased sales tax, which would make things more expensive. It already cost me over \$200 for essentials like milk, a bag of shredded cheese, eggs, cereal, that bag or tortillas and chicken and broccoli we are supposed to survive on for two weeks for a mother of 2 on a limited budget as it is. The only ones who will actually benefit from these bills being passed are the ones who are rich enough to afford those groceries and not worry how much the total is, and how they are going to come up with another \$2000 in property taxes. Those of us already struggling, will be the ones who are put further down into the hole.



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Oposing the Elimination of Missouri’s State Income Tax

I want to be very clear: proposals like HJR 173 do not represent tax relief for working families in Missouri. They represent a massive cost shift—away from the wealthiest Missourians and onto the poor and a shrinking middle class that is already struggling to survive.

I am someone who worked incredibly hard to get off SNAP. That was not easy, and it was not fast. Even now, my children remain on state-managed healthcare—coverage that may soon disappear as a result of the so-called “Big Beautiful Bill” backed by many members of our federal delegation. For families like mine, this isn’t theoretical. These decisions directly threaten our ability to keep our children healthy and our finances afloat.

After changes to the Affordable Care Act, my husband’s health insurance premium skyrocketed from \$156 per month to \$741 per month. That increase forced him off his plan entirely. Our intention had been to eventually add me, and later our children, so that our whole family could finally be covered. Instead, we are now uninsured, like so many Missourians, one illness or accident away from crushing medical debt or bankruptcy.

Against this backdrop, Missouri legislators are proposing to eliminate the state income tax, which generates \$8.7 billion, or roughly 66% of Missouri’s general revenue. There is no serious plan to replace that revenue without raising other taxes, particularly sales taxes, which hit working families the hardest.

If Missouri eliminates the income tax, sales taxes will inevitably rise and expand. That means Missourians will pay more not just at the checkout counter, but for everyday necessities including rent, car repairs, childcare-related services, and even basic services like pet grooming. Sales taxes do not scale with ability to pay. A cashier and a millionaire both pay the same rate, but only one can afford it. This is not a neutral tax shift. It is a massive tax cut for the wealthiest Missourians. Replacing income tax with expanded sales taxes allows high-income households to save thousands of dollars a year, while working people and families living paycheck to paycheck are forced to pay more just to survive. We have already seen how flawed this approach is. In 2025, the Missouri Legislature passed a capital gains tax cut for the wealthy with no mechanism to recoup the lost revenue. Lawmakers initially claimed it would cost about \$160 million. The real figure is now estimated at nearly \$500 million. If the math was wrong then, why should Missourians trust it now, when the stakes are far higher?

And we do not need to guess what happens next. Kansas tried this exact experiment in 2012. The result was economic chaos. Hundreds of millions of dollars were lost, forcing deep cuts to education, infrastructure, and essential services. Kansas ultimately had to reverse course after nearly bankrupting the state. Missouri should learn from that failure, not repeat it.

We the People drive this economy. It is our labor, our skills, our caregiving, our innovation, and our spending that create prosperity. Yet HJR 173 and HJR 174 ask working families to sacrifice even

more—our healthcare, our schools, our roads—so that the wealthiest Missourians can pay less. That is not fiscal responsibility. It is not economic growth. And it is certainly not freedom for working families. While our dollars are poured immediately back into the local economy, the dollars saved by the wealthiest in our state through these regressive measures often end up in out of state investments, tax-sheltered accounts, and various other locations that ultimately steal wealth and prosperity from the entire state.

Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians onto the rest of us is bad for our communities, bad for our economy, and devastating for families who are already doing everything right just to stay afloat. Missouri deserves better.



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I strongly oppose this legislation to eliminate Missouri’s individual income tax and significantly expand the sales tax base.

Under this proposal, most Missourians would ultimately pay more in taxes, not less. By shifting the tax burden away from income and onto sales, this plan disproportionately impacts working- and middle-income families such as my own, those who spend a greater share of their income on basic necessities. Wealthier individuals would see the largest benefits, while everyday Missourians would shoulder higher costs for goods and services they cannot avoid.

This legislation would also create an estimated \$5 billion hole in Missouri’s state budget. That loss of revenue would have real and lasting consequences for Missouri families and communities. When the state’s budget is destabilized, it is working families, not corporations or high earners, who feel the impact through reduced services, higher local taxes, or both.

To build and sustain a strong economy, Missouri must be able to invest in the fundamentals that allow families and businesses to thrive. This includes access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong, resilient communities. Eliminating a major source of stable revenue would severely limit the state’s ability to make these critical investments.

Rather than strengthening Missouri’s economy, this tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to support families, maintain essential services, and plan responsibly for the future. I urge lawmakers to reject this proposal and instead pursue fair, sustainable tax policies that benefit all Missourians, not just a select few.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



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The rise in prices due to tariffs are already hurting Missourians like myself, and my employees enough. Please do not raise sales taxes and making being alive any more unaffordable.



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Eliminating the income tax will only place more of a burden of cost onto working and middle class families as sales tax will need to increase in response. That, or we'll lose a lot of funding to pay for important things like schools and roads. Once a tax like this is removed or reduced, it will be a whole lot harder to get back once we realize the damage it has done.



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Currently Missouri state funding for public education is the lowest in the nation. Our legislators have historically underfunded our schools, but the revenue impacts of HJR 173 goes much further and are much more devastating to our children than anything we have seen before.

We are already going into this next year experiencing a massive budget crisis. We are staring down a \$500M budget gap as a result of the elimination of taxes on capital gains that disproportionately benefit the wealthy. Now the governor is advocating to NOT fully fund the foundation formula and move more public money to vouchers to fund private schools.

To make matters worse, HJR 173 would cause public education to lose significant revenues through the loss of the state income tax, blowing an additional \$5 billion dollar hole in our budget while giving additional tax cuts to the wealthy.

This is not the reality we need to live in. Missourians know that we CAN afford to educate our children if our legislators manage our tax dollars responsibly. My husband and I can attribute our professional success to our access to good quality schools. I want that for my children. I love the schools they both attend, but the teachers are so stretched for resources. Despite all of the miraculous ways teachers address the needs of their students, they are exhausted and burned out. We need to be funding our schools more, not less!

Our legislators are grossly mismanaging taxpayer funds, and our school children are the casualties. The perfect storm that this state legislature has created is aimed right at Missouri's urban, suburban, and rural schools, and we refuse to stand by and watch you strip away our children's future. The state income tax is a critical piece of funding for our children's education, and we ask that you strongly oppose HJR 173.



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I am writing to submit my testimony in opposition to HJR 173. Under this legislation, most Missourians would end up paying more. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 billion dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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The only people this will help are the extremely wealthy that pay higher income taxes. For those of us that are middle class, this will raise the cost of everything else, when we are already drowning financially because of the current economy. Not to mention, the language of this amendment means voters won't even know what all is getting taxed until after it's passed. I am tired of Missouri dismissing our votes, not listening to what their constituents want, and deviously making legislation vague to screw over the hardworking people of this state.



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As someone who worked in public schools in Kansas City for 14 years, I'm worried about the impact that cuts to our revenue will have on my community. We need well-funded schools, public programs, and supports for folks who are less fortunate. Our education funds - and performance - already lag behind most of the country. We can't afford to cut funding to schools. My students and their families also rely on a variety of services funded by the public for many basic needs. Cutting those services would harm those who are already struggling most and make life harder and more unfair for the children and families in my community.

Increasing other taxes, is also worrying. My wife, a principal, and I have felt the impact of rising costs - needing to carefully budget, reprioritize, and cut our spending in order to make sure we can pay for what's most important. We both have full time jobs and earn decent salaries - and even we are not in position to afford even higher and higher costs of living. Increasing consumption taxes will increase costs for us. These tax policy changes will make things harder, not easier. Income tax "cuts" won't benefit working people like us because we'll be paying so much more in other taxes to offset those costs. Instead, they will benefit those who already make the most in the state and make Missouri's economy even more unfair than it already is. Please vote no on HJR 173 and HJR 174.



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We already pay our teachers the worst in the nation. Our school districts already have a higher local tax rate than most other states in the country. If we're concerned about higher education tuition at public institutions rising, we should look at the appropriations given to those institutions. Who pays when the state cuts education funding? Hard working Missouri families. Communities make up the difference by contributing more at the local level because they know the importance of public schools and paying their teachers competitive wages, something the governor has forgotten. They know their LOCAL elected officials will listen to their concerns and vote with their best interests in mind. Who pays high rates of income taxes? People who make a lot of money. Who pays sales tax? Everybody, including seniors relying on social security as their only income source. Who pays gas tax? Everybody.

Our state has already spent the surplus. How is eliminating another source of revenue going to make anything better? Businesses aren't attracted to a state with the worst educational system in the country.

Without childcare infrastructure, workforce participation is limited, not only for young families with young children but grandparents who leave the workforce early to care for their grandchildren because they live in a childcare desert. Businesses don't want to come here because of the state of our state, not because we have an income tax. This joint resolution is devastating to the state's economy and population. Missouri collects \$8.7 billion dollars in individual income tax, and only \$3.1 billion in sales tax. The people who have to make up that difference are Missourians who work hard to make ends meet already. The people who get a tax break are the ones who can afford to pay it. We already eliminated the capital gains tax, to also help wealthy millionaires avoid paying for stock market gains they didn't work for. Why are we giving the rich yet another tax break when we pay our teachers and many other state employees such low wages?



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I'm writing to strongly oppose HJR 173. In addition to hurting the vast majority of Missourians, our neighbor Kansas has already shown us removing income tax is a disaster for the state economy. Passing this bill risks bankrupting the state of Missouri, and is guaranteed to bankrupt the families that make up the state and elected you to office. Cutting 2/3 of the state budget will result in a sicker, poorer, worse state. Making up the difference with sales tax will result in sicker, poorer Missourians as we decide between paying rising bills, buying groceries, or filling prescriptions. Medical visits will be skipped, families will have to do without, and the state will turn it's march toward the bottom into a sprint. The average Missourian makes about \$1,100 a week. Keeping a few percent more is going to be no comfort in the face of the drastic sales tax increases needed to foot the bill. I have no doubt many of your wealthiest donors won't be troubled by these facts, but the people who elect you will be. Vote NO on HJR 173.



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I strongly urge you to not eliminate the Missouri income tax. As a state, we can't afford to lose that much tax revenue or we will lose the services we actually need, so it would have to be made up elsewhere. The people of Missouri would carry as much tax burden as they always have, but distributed downward to the people who can afford it the least. This will destroy our economy like it did to Kansas in the early 2010s and make Missouri absolutely unaffordable. No one will want to move here if wages are low AND the cost of living goes up substantially because of increased sales taxes. Affordability is already a problem many Missourians face and this will make it much worse and make it harder for Missouri families to survive and for the Republican party to continue to get the support of the people.



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I don't want my income taxes removed to then fund other areas and have sales and other taxes increased.



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This bill will do nothing to lower taxes for the majority of Missouri residents. Sales taxes to be determined by a future legislature is an irresponsible plan. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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To eliminate Missouri income tax would put an unbearable burden on low income residents, such as me. Please do not vote for this travesty. Voters will not forget this.



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I like many other Missourians are barely making it and taxing any product or service will mean i won't be able to afford necessities. This only helps rich people who don't spend the majority of their paycheck. We saw what this did to rural towns in Kansas and would be ignorant to make the same mistake.



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I am writing today to urge you to vote no on HJR 173. Not only would this bill end up costing the average Missourian more, but this tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget, and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. Do what is right for the people of Missouri and vote no. Thank you.



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My name is Brandon Clay, and I am a Missouri resident. I am here today to speak in strong opposition to the proposal to eliminate Missouri’s state income tax.

Missouri’s individual income tax generates approximately \$8.7 billion, accounting for two-thirds of our state’s general revenue. Eliminating it would slash the state budget and force lawmakers to make up the difference elsewhere. That means higher sales taxes and taxing everyday services Missourians rely on—things like rent, car repairs, and basic personal care.

This shift would dramatically raise the cost of living for working families while delivering a massive tax cut to the wealthiest Missourians. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from people who are already struggling to make ends meet. Meanwhile, high-income households would save thousands of dollars each year. That is not tax relief, it is a tax shift, and it puts the burden on those least able to afford it.

We’ve seen this approach fail before. Just last year, the legislature passed a capital gains tax cut that was underestimated by nearly \$400 million. Missourians were told it would cost \$160 million; now the projected loss is closer to \$500 million. Given this recent history, it is fair to ask: why should we trust these same estimates now, when the stakes are even higher?

Kansas tried a similar experiment in 2012. The result was economic turmoil, deep budget shortfalls, and devastating cuts to education, infrastructure, and public services. Missouri should learn from that failure, not repeat it.

Missouri’s economy is driven by working people: by our labor, our skills, and our spending. Shifting taxes away from the wealthiest and onto working families and seniors harms our communities and weakens our economy. I urge you to reject HJR 174 and protect the public services that Missourians rely on every day.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TAX THE RICH, NOT THE POOR! Eliminate the sales tax. Increase income, property, capital gains, and whatever other taxes on the rich to actually fund this state and make the rich pay their fair share.



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Where is the money that income tax generates going to come from when you do away with it



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My name is Brittany Kiefer and I am a resident of the City of St. Louis. I oppose HJR173 because it only benefits the ultra rich and will end up costing most Missourians more. For a legislature who is so fiscally conservative, I'm confused that you would like to pass legislation that would add an additional \$5 billion hole in the state's budget. Oppose HJR173.



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This is another irresponsible bill. Another hand out to the biggest welfare queens. Also a similar bill to this has already been implemented in 2012 and failed in the state of Kansas by former Governor Brownback. It is referred to as the "Kansas experiment". It led to several budget shortfalls and was repealed in 2017. This doesn't help the working class. Our state already underfunds things like our public schools and this wouldn't help that. Republican policy continues to crush the middle class. It's astonishing our state continues to run with Republicans supporting bills that don't serve anybody but the wealthy. But I guess you have to keep the people that line your pockets happy. Start working for all your constituents. I oppose these awful bills.



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Eliminating the income tax will leave a \$8.7 billion gap in our general revenue budget. Working people will be left to pay the price for this crazy tax cut - that only benefits the richest Missourians. Everyday services like childcare, rent, and home and auto repairs go up – hurting working-class families the most, because we already spend more of our income just trying to get by day to day



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I strongly oppose this bill. It will hurt our state.



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I strongly oppose eliminating state income tax and replacing it with higher income tax. This will hurt low income workers and retired senior citizens with fixed income who are already struggling as it is. This will not help the majority of Missourians. Please vote no on HJR 173 and HJR 174.



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Doing away with income taxes is a bad idea. Income taxes are the only tax that goes up when your income goes up and down when your income decreases. You can afford to pay more taxes when you are making more money. If you lose your income your taxes go away also. It makes more sense to eliminate property taxes than income taxes. People have lost their homes because property taxes went up. Income taxes go up when you have more money and are more able to pay taxes. I don't know of any reason to be for eliminating income taxes other than helping the wealthy.



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Kansas tried this a few years ago, it was a horrible failure. Eliminating income tax and increasing taxes for everything else to make up for that shortfall will severely and negatively affect lower income Missourians. How about you raise taxes on those making over a million dollars instead? I will never understand why you are willing to make life harder for those who are already struggling rather than make those who are very comfortable pay their fair share. These proposals need to fail.



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From what I've read this could raise sales tax to over 10% which would affect lower incomes. I don't see this attracting people to the state when you really couldn't say taxes are lower.



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My family is against the elimination of income tax. Currently, approximately 71.5% of Missouri’s general revenue comes from this income tax, with the 21% coming from sales taxes. Eliminating one tax to replace it with another is irresponsible. Income from sales/services taxes will need to triple to make up the difference.

Raising the sales tax and creating a service tax will harm retailers, service providers, and low/middle-income families disproportionately. Higher sales/service taxes lead to less purchasing. A single person in Missouri requires roughly \$43,500 annually to meet living expenses, often placing them just below or at the entry point of the middle class. Over 1/3 of Missourians fall below this threshold.

Families with lower/middle-income and low-income will face the greatest burden. Paying a greater sales tax on limited incomes will create extreme hardships. These same families will already be facing challenges due to increased healthcare and daycare costs. To respond to this dilemma with a tax voucher for the low-income families is not a fix for this problem, as a voucher system will eventually lead to further issues (and it doesn’t address the problem that Missouri’s general revenue will be in a deficit)

Sales/service taxes will create a chain reaction- as sales taxes increase, most families will buy less, limiting purchases to only the necessities (limit gas purchase, no new clothes or toys, extremely limited Christmas gifts, no new appliances, vehicles, propane, ...).

As service tax occurs, families will reduce services (barber, hair salon, vets, dog grooming, HVAC services, oil change, car repairs...). When families can’t afford to maintain transportation, they miss work and lose jobs.

Depending on the new, elevated sales/service taxes to support education, the Interstate I-70 project, social services, transportation, and many other state operations- including your departmental operations and employee pay will be risky. Already, it appears that Missourians plan to purchase items from other states with lower taxes.



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Eliminating the income tax and replacing ALL of that state revenue with taxes on services is **REGRESSIVE**. In case you don't understand that, it means wealthy people will pay a lower percentage of their income than lower income people. Taxing haircuts, vet visits, and countless other services will impact the people in those fields to collect the taxes, send in payments, etc. And it impacts 60-80% of ALL Missourians. Missouri already has a budget shortfall of \$2 billion. Do you remember this experiment in Kansas?? Well, it didn't go well. Other states like Florida don't have an income tax. Missouri doesn't have Disney World, Universal Studios, massive amounts of beaches, etc. We are not going to have enough visitors to foot the bill for Missouri. Do not make Missouri another Kansas.



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Dear Representatives,

Please do not eliminate the income tax in Missouri. Eliminating it would force painful cuts in public services and/education or enormous hikes in sales/property tax. I do not support regressive tax measures to replace the lack of revenue the proposed cuts to income tax would cause. This plan is bad for Missouri.

Thank you for your time,
Carol Russell



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I oppose eliminating personal income tax on MO because it will cause undue harm on our state's most vulnerable citizens including senior citizens in fixed incomes. Income tax is the state's largest source of revenue and will mean there is far less than what we need for infrastructure, services, and schools. This tax scheme did not work for your neighbors in KS. Please don't virtually bankrupt us like their legislators and Gov Brownback did.



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This bill does not help the average Missourian. Under this legislation, most Missourians would end up paying more taxes overall. At the same time, the multi-billion dollar shortfall this tax cut would create in the state budget would place additional financial burden on working Missourians and their families. I support a state that invests in its people by supporting a reliable infrastructure, investing in education and access to health care, and other services that strengthen our people and communities. That is why I oppose this bill.



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As a senior, I am in opposition of eliminating the Missouri State Income Tax. It has been stated that this action will increase the general sales tax on goods and services increasing the cost of essential items for all Missourians and possible cut spending on education and Missouri's infrastructure. Please consider the impact on Missouri Seniors and vote NO on HJR173



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The income tax is Missouri's primary revenue source. Eliminating the income tax means sales taxes will rise on services that working people rely on such as rent, childcare, auto repair, etc. Do not eliminate it!



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I oppose this bill



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This law will raise revenue by taxing essentials which disproportionately affects lower income earners.



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I oppose shifting the tax burden of our state to sales tax. This unfairly shifts the burden of taxes to those who can least afford it. Taxes are important and are what allow our state to be a place people want to live. Let's make sure that those with the most income and who profit the most from the infrastructure taxes provide are paying the most into the system.



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I am a Missouri senior. Eliminating income tax, hiking sales tax, and establishing tax on services will unfairly target my demographic. Those who pay no income tax tax on Social Security will assume a greater burden. Those who are now unable to perform many tasks that younger people can will, by paying tax on services, assume a greater burden. But aside from my own worries, I am also extremely concerned about fully funding PUBLIC schools. Children do not have the luxury of choosing in which state they live. But all of Missouri students deserve a rigorous, reliable education. We can't pretend that vouchers are an alternative here in rural Missouri. Please do not neglect the students of Missouri for whom we are all responsible. Eliminating income tax and instituting tax on services would be shaky, irresponsible steps.



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The least economically stable Missourians already pay more in taxes than their wealthier neighbors. I am currently paying nearly 10% in sales tax in my community. The proposed sales tax increase would mean not being able to afford groceries, paying extra for services which already require significant gratuities (such as hair care and meals out) and in general severely impact an already tight budget. I am employed by a university which received significant funding through the general budget. Should these measure reduce funds flowing into the state coffers, the result will be less funding for higher education, and perhaps even the loss of jobs at these institutions. The income tax allows for adjustments based on the earnings of the tax payer. Sales taxes allow for no such adjustment, therefore hitting the lowest income tax payers the hardest.



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As a parent and a person who lives and works in Missouri, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right.



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I fear this change will put a great financial strain on the services the state provides and fear this may affect the pay those workers of state funded institutions depend on. If that is not an issue I fear other taxes, such as sales tax rising and greatly affecting prices of needed goods and services.



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Please vote no on HJR 173. This could create a massive tax burden shift onto seniors and low income individuals. Relying on sales tax increases to offset lost income tax could potentially harm people with fixed incomes while benefiting higher earners.



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Eliminating Missouri’s Income Tax Won’t Help Working Families—It Will Hurt Us

Missouri lawmakers are pushing to eliminate the state income tax, selling it as a win for “everyday Missourians.” But let’s be honest about what this really means: the money doesn’t disappear. If income tax revenue is eliminated, it has to come from somewhere else—and history tells us exactly where that burden will land.

It won’t land on the wealthiest Missourians. It will land on seniors living on fixed incomes, working families living paycheck to paycheck, people with disabilities, and the middle class.

I don’t make a lot of money. That means eliminating income tax won’t be a “tax cut” for me in any meaningful way. Any small savings I might see will be wiped out—many times over—by higher sales taxes, higher property taxes, higher utility costs, and higher prices everywhere else. For people like me, this policy doesn’t increase our take-home pay. It decreases it.

Sales taxes are regressive. Everyone knows this. When taxes shift from income to consumption, the people who spend most of what they earn—lower- and middle-income households—pay the highest percentage of their income. Seniors don’t get a discount at the grocery store. Families caring for a disabled child don’t get a pass on rising utility bills. Single parents don’t get to opt out when prices go up.

Property taxes don’t just affect homeowners, either. Renters pay them too—embedded in rising rents. So when property taxes go up to make up for lost state revenue, landlords pass that cost on. Housing becomes less affordable. Again.

And what happens to public services when revenue shrinks?

Public schools are threatened first. Rural schools, underfunded districts, special education programs—these are often the first targets when budgets tighten. Health care for seniors and people with disabilities follows close behind. Roads and infrastructure deteriorate. Emergency services are stretched thinner. Then lawmakers turn around and say government “doesn’t work,” as if the damage wasn’t deliberate.

This isn’t abstract policy debate. It’s real life.

When food prices rise, families have to choose between groceries and gas. When a car breaks down, there is no extra cushion. When medical costs increase, care gets delayed or skipped. For people already struggling, there is no “adjustment period”—there is only loss.

So I have to ask: who exactly is this for?

**Because it’s not for the seniors on fixed incomes.
It’s not for people with disabilities.
It’s not for working-class families or the middle class.**

Eliminating the income tax overwhelmingly benefits those at the top—people who already pay the lowest share of their income in state and local taxes and who can easily absorb higher consumption costs. Everyone else pays more so they can pay less.

This policy widens the gap between the wealthiest Missourians and everyone else. And people see it. We understand that when lawmakers refuse to answer the basic question—where will the money come from?—it’s because the answer is politically inconvenient.

It will come from us.

Missouri doesn’t need tax cuts for the wealthy. We need affordable housing. We need stable food prices. We need safe roads and strong infrastructure. We need fully funded schools and accessible health care. We need a tax system that asks those who have benefited the most to contribute fairly—not one that shifts the burden onto those already carrying too much.

Eliminating the income tax is not economic progress. It’s a travesty—and it will seriously harm the people who keep this state running.



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Eliminating the Missouri state income tax will only serve the wealthiest residents of Missouri and will result in higher taxes overall in the form of sales taxes. This proposal will hurt retirees, people on fixed income, and the poorest citizens of Missouri the most. Please vote against this disastrous regressive legislation that will run our state into the ground.



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Do not vote for reducing or eliminating income tax in Missouri. Our public education is already underfunded. You are shifting taxes away from the wealthy to the poor by increasing sales taxes. Do not reduce or eliminating income tax in Missouri



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This is a major tax break for people who are already wealthy.



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You're just love defunding our schools. States with high overall tourism might get away with no income tax, but it's a death by taxes certainty for the disabled, elderly and working class when taxes shift to local and sales tax. We're not Texas, we don't have oil production taxes. You chase out every NFL team but think people want to spend their money here to offset Missouri's tax burden. Rural red America just ends up further behind, are we trying the Missouri Tax Experiment now? Show the full plan, not a bait and switch to get votes.



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I'm vehemently opposed to the elimination of income tax and replacement with sales tax. The amount of increase in sales tax necessary to replace the loss of income tax revenue (will hit the poor low and middle income taxpayers the hardest. (Even with cuts to services... which will also hit us hardest) We struggle now and have low levels of savings and investment because our income is currently eaten by necessities for living. Our young adults struggle to save to purchase a home. We already have sticker shock when we pay for necessities like food, utilities, rent/mortgage, insurance, local and state property taxes, etc. which eat up so much of our income that we can't save or invest now. These items will cost more when sales tax is added to them. While the sales tax would replace income tax, it would also tax services and things that aren't currently taxed. It will cost us more than the income tax. Sales tax over income tax benefits only the wealthy in that they are already able to save and invest, know the loopholes to avoid taxes, and were recently given a no capital gains tax gift. Little of their overall wealth is affected by purchase of necessities. They also can borrow on their wealth to avoid paying taxes or fees. I can't imagine any businesses convincing their workers to move to MO knowing they will have to pay sales tax on almost everything everything. Texas, Tennessee and other sales tax states have tourist dollars that MO doesn't. And/or they have oil or other natural resources that help fund their state coffers. MO does not. I am vehemently **OPPOSED** to replacing our current income tax with increased sales tax on nearly everything.



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Vote no on regressive taxation, poor and middle class pay more while the rich pay less



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I am in opposition to the proposal to eliminate state income taxes. We are a hard working middle class family like a vast majority of our fellow citizens. I am opposed to raising sales tax to make up for the budget because it will place an extra burden on 60-80% of the people in the state that are already struggling to provide for their families. Our schools also need the money. Please help keep them funded properly so our children get the education they deserve.



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This will be disastrous for working Americans. This only benefits the rich. Look at the Brownback disaster in Kansas. Please vote no! We need more money to fund education Again see what happened to education in KS



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This is not good for education. It only benefits the rich! Working Missourians will pay the brunt of this Brownback's plan in KS was devastating to teachers. Do not do this to Missouri teachers and children.



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This is definitely not good governance. The people will



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I'm writing to strongly oppose HJR 173. In addition to hurting the vast majority of Missourians, our neighbor Kansas has already shown us removing income tax is a disaster for the state economy. Passing this bill risks bankrupting the state of Missouri, and is guaranteed to bankrupt the families that make up the state and elected you to office. Cutting 2/3 of the state budget will result in a sicker, poorer, worse state. Making up the difference with sales tax will result in sicker, poorer Missourians as we decide between paying rising bills, buying groceries, or filling prescriptions. Medical visits will be skipped, families will have to do without, and the state will turn it's march toward the bottom into a sprint. The average Missourian makes about \$1,100 a week. Keeping a few percent more is going to be no comfort in the face of the drastic sales tax increases needed to foot the bill. I have no doubt many of your wealthiest donors won't be troubled by these facts, but the people who elect you will be. Vote NO on HJR 173.



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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. My name is Claire Terrebonne, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Joint Resolutions 173 and 174. These proposals, seeking to replace the state’s individual income tax with expanded sales taxes, are demonstrably misguided and would undermine Missouri’s fiscal stability, weaken our economy, and harm our families.

Sales Tax is Not a Functional Replacement for Income Tax.

First, you have the numbers. From the start, and at very best, this proposal leaves a massive \$5 billion hole in our state budget.

Second, this proposal will disproportionately increase the cost of everyday life for the vast majority of Missourians, including my own family. Sales taxes are, of course, inherently regressive. Every dollar I—and most of your constituents—spend on groceries and basic necessities will lose its purchasing power, where the wealthiest households in the state won’t even notice. This isn’t just a policy change; it’s a deliberate redistribution of the tax burden onto those least situated to carry it. If we want a booming economy, why make things harder for the average Missouri family?

We’ve Already Seen This Experiment Fail.

We watched Kansas walk into fiscal catastrophe in 2012 when it tried to eliminate its income tax, requiring nine rounds of budget cuts and destroying their credit rating. The promised economic growth never materialized. The results, instead, were so severe that a bipartisan coalition of lawmakers eventually voted to repeal the cuts, overriding Governor Brownback’s veto.

Unlike the few states that operate without an income tax, Missouri lacks a comparable industry profile—such as massive tourism or natural resource extraction—and lacks the appetite for the astronomical property tax hikes that would be required to fill a \$5 to \$9 billion revenue gap.

Personal Impact: Damage to Public Education.

Perhaps most devastating is what these proposals would do to our schools. My family relies on public education—a choice we made intentionally after several years in private school—because we believe in the value of a strong community investment. Missouri already ranks near the bottom in the country for

the percentage of school funding provided by the state, effectively shifting a statewide obligation onto local taxpayers. Please do not make it worse by starving public schools from both ends.

We should, instead, be coming together to correct the disparity, and invest in and improve our public schools. Strong public education is not just a service; it is the single greatest driver of income mobility and economic development, providing the highest return on public investment. Instead of investing in our greatest asset, this resolution signals a retreat from our commitment to Missouri's children. Why would we willingly choose to do that? What does that tell people—businesses and workers—who might otherwise want to live and invest in our state?

I urge you to consider the long-term stability of our state and the success of our families. Please do not gamble with our future. Please reject these resolutions and instead focus on sustainable, fair tax policies that benefit all Missourians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Slashing Missouri's general revenue budget is a terrible idea, one that no one should support, regardless of part or ideology. Missouri's individual income tax generates 2/3 state's general revenue. What are you even thinking? I am a wealthy Missourian who would benefit from this change, but I want what's best for our entire community: our children, our elderly, our workers--not just the wealthy. I strongly oppose this bill.



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Income tax is the fairest; the more you earn the more tax you pay. Taxes on sales and services are the same rate whether you are a pauper or millionaire, so they place an unfair burden on those who can least afford it.



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Eliminating the income tax will create a budget imbalance that will adversely affect services the residents of Missouri rely on, and it is clear the shortfall plans to be addressed by raising taxes on hardworking Missouri residents through an increase in sales tax and imposing a tax on services that have traditionally been untaxed. This will create undue hardships across the state, and there is historical precedent, as in Kansas, that abolishing the income tax is fiscally irresponsible. As a parent of 3 public school students, I am also incredibly concerned about how this will affect their education and future prospects if public schools are deprived of funding necessary to provide required and vital services to all students, regardless of income. I strongly oppose the measures proposed in this joint resolution, and request that it be rejected and the ideas within be laid to rest permanently.



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I am a college student at Missouri University of Science and Technology. I and many of my peers will be negatively impacted by the increases in sales tax required by eliminating income tax. Students don't earn a lot of money, many don't even file income taxes. But increasing the sales tax, and expanding the services that are taxed, will make life more expensive for us students. One reason I and many of my fellow students went to school here in Missouri, and at S&T especially, is its affordability. Increasing sales tax will directly undercut that. It will make studying in Missouri more expensive, making our universities less competitive in the long run. And if students are not going to Missouri universities, they're less likely to be recruited by Missouri companies. Increasing the sales tax will contribute to Missouri's brain drain as we push students away with the increasing cost of living.



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Keep income tax. Sakes tax hurts the poorest



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Please focus on finding the resources to support education, healthcare and working families, instead of tax breaks for the wealthy.



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There is nothing about this resolution that helps the people of Missouri. Missourians will end up paying more , while the wealthy elite skate free. I adamantly oppose this destructive resolution.



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I am a Missouri resident, a renter, and part of a single household earning under \$10,000 a year. Like many working families, most of our income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. We do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and we do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri’s tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower-middle income renters like us, this is not a tax cut, but a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a Missourian, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri’s ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173 & 174.



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Sales tax increases will harm working Missouri families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Requiring MO families to pay more for essentials like rent, childcare, auto repair and other services will be detrimental.



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I oppose HJR 173 because eliminating the income tax and expanding sales taxes creates long-term uncertainty for funding public education. Sales tax revenues fluctuate with the economy and do not provide the stable, reliable funding schools need to retain teachers, maintain classrooms, and support students. Missouri should not risk underfunding public schools to experiment with a tax shift that places education funding in jeopardy.



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A report today stated national consumer confidence is down to the lowest it's been since 2014. Working people have struggled with costs and have had to pay more due to last year's tariffs, among other things. In Missouri, state income tax is crucial to supporting public education and other needs. Regular working Missourians should not be shouldered with an additional burden through paying higher sales taxes. I just finished filling out my taxes for 2025. I welcome state income tax because I want our state to be solvent, and I want public education's funding to be secure.



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To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax hoax would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.

The state is already projected to have a deficit, This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE. I do not want to pay upwards of 20% sales tax, do YOU?



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Increasing state sales tax will not cover the loss of state income tax, which is 60% of Missouri's budget. Plus increased sales tax will put an unfair burden on Missourians.



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**This is not a well thought out plan. Please do NOT eliminate the state income tax. A poor resident who pays a small portion of taxes will suddenly have everything they purchase cost more. And then we will spend future sessions deciding what essential items to tax and what not to tax.
This bill only benefits the wealthy.**



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Eliminating income taxes moves the burden of generating state revenue to the folks least able to pick up the burden. It is well known increasing sales taxes unfairly affects the lower earning groups. Leave income tax alone.



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This will hurt lower income families.



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I oppose HJR 173 because it permanently restructures Missouri's tax system in a misleading and dangerous way. While advertised as "tax cuts," this bill actually shifts taxes away from high-income earners and onto everyday purchases by dramatically expanding sales taxes to goods and services such as medical care, home repairs, auto repairs, and professional services. At the same time, this bill constitutionally prohibits Missouri from ever imposing an individual income tax again once certain triggers are met, eliminating a major revenue tool and locking future legislatures into a rigid, regressive tax structure.

This bill also strips cities and counties of meaningful fiscal autonomy by forcing local governments to offset any new sales-tax revenue with reductions to other local taxes, even when communities need funding for roads, bridges, public safety, EMS, libraries, and other essential services. The result is a one-way shift toward a consumption-tax-dominated system that performs poorly during recessions, weakens Missouri's ability to respond to economic downturns, and disproportionately harms working families and rural communities. This is not true tax relief; it is a permanent tax shift combined with a loss of local control, and I urge the committee to reject this bill.



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As a senior citizen on a very fixed income I cannot afford this! Stop raising prices and costs for Missourians and help us survive! Cut healthcare costs now! This does not help the majority and we are going backwards financially every day.



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I am a Missouri resident, and am deeply concerned about the impact these bills will have on working families. For a vast majority of working families, most of their income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. They do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri's tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower-middle incomes, this is not a tax cut, but a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a Missourian, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri's ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE. This tax alteration would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences most severely. To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax alteration would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families. Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173 & 174.



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I and we the people have lost trust in your ability to actually help Missourians vs. taking care of mostly the wealthy. I oppose HJR 173 and it's plan to reduce the budget by cuts to the real needs of our citizens.



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Dear Representatives of the Commerce Committee:

I own a CPA firm in Blue Springs, MO. As a small business owner, a conservative Republican, and a Missouri voter, I am writing to urge you to oppose proposals that would eliminate the state income tax by raising sales tax rates and expanding the sales tax base to additional services.

I envision many negatives and unintended consequences of this proposed overhaul of our state tax system.

1. It is a certainty that the increase in sales taxation to replace the income tax would shift more of the tax burden onto lower income taxpayers, including working families and seniors on fixed income.

Our current income tax system seems very fair and equitable, as the tax rate is a flat 4.7% on all income above \$9,000 of taxable income. The Social Security exemption enacted beginning in 2024 provides much needed tax relief for our seniors.

2. If Missouri sales tax rates are increased significantly, this will make our state a less competitive place to shop and conduct business. Many taxpayers in the Kansas City and St. Louis areas will cross over to Kansas or Illinois for their shopping trips, costing Missouri dearly.

3. Individuals would attempt to avoid the increased tax by shopping for services across state lines. If Missouri were to rely on voluntary reporting of use tax by individuals in such cases, the noncompliance rate would be extremely high. And for taxpayers who did file a personal use tax return, there would be no administrative relief compared to filing a Missouri income tax return.

4. Broadly taxing services would represent a major change to Missouri's tax system and would negatively impact thousands of small businesses, including plumbers, handymen, lawn care providers, attorneys, accountants, and other local service businesses. Most of these businesses are small, locally owned, and not equipped to absorb the added compliance costs, administrative burden, and audit risk that come with sales tax collection. With this drastic tax law change and the shortage of tax professionals, I foresee many well-meaning small service businesses failing to comply with the new requirements. The consequences of a sales tax audit could be catastrophic for such a business, likely putting them out of business.

5. The expanded sales taxes on services would make these services more expensive, resulting in a reduction in demand which would damage the small businesses.

6. Missouri charities would be harmed by the elimination of income taxes, as the tax savings of charitable contributions would be significantly reduced. Furthermore, many charities in our state rely heavily on Missouri's charitable income tax credits, usually allowed at 50% or 70% of the amount of the donation. These charities would suffer major harm from the elimination of these income tax credits:

- a. Maternity homes & pregnancy resource centers
- b. Domestic violence shelters
- c. Food banks

7. The current proposed bills (HJR 173 and 174) remove taxpayer protections, as the bills give broad power to the legislature to increase sales taxes without having to put this on a ballot.

8. The proposed ballot language in HJR 173 and 174 is misleading for voters. Many types of tax reductions are listed, although some would apply to few taxpayers (i.e. earnings tax). The "expansion of the sales and use tax base" is listed at the end of the paragraph. There is no mention of the very likely significant increase in the state sales tax rate.

The many negatives and unintended consequences of this proposal outweigh the benefits. There would be no real tax relief to Missourians, as the same total revenue would be coming from another source. There may be a bit of marketing benefit for the state to make the list of states with no income tax, but I do not believe employees or businesses will relocate to our state based on this when a quick Google search will reveal that sales taxes were hiked to make up the difference in revenue.

The only substantial benefit I see is the compliance relief for individual taxpayers in no longer being required to file a Missouri income tax return. But as discussed, there will be a significant additional compliance burden shifted to small businesses.

As a CPA and small-business owner, I am concerned that shifting Missouri's tax base away from income and toward higher and broader sales taxes undermines key conservative principles: simplicity, a pro-business environment, promoting economic growth, and protecting small businesses, seniors, and charities from unintended consequences.

I believe this is an especially poor time to consider a major overhaul of the state's tax system, as the state budget has gone from surpluses to deficits. The rate of increase in state government spending has far outpaced the rate of inflation. See the below report from the state auditor from last month.

<https://auditor.mo.gov/news/item/auditor-fitzpatrick-releases-new-report-detailing-how-continued-deficit-spending-will-jeopardize-the-states-financial-health>

In my view, the governor and legislature should shift focus to reducing state spending while maintaining fairness in the state tax system.

I respectfully ask that you oppose legislation that replaces the income tax with higher or expanded sales taxes on goods and services. Thank you for your time and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Daniel Moline, CPA
Moline CPA, LLC
2001 NW Jefferson St.
Blue Springs, MO
Senatorial district MO008, House district MO031



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Switching income tax to sales tax is a very risky economic move, as Kansas' failed experiment demonstrates. Even if one were ideologically aligned with the goal, I do not see what the rebuttal would be to delaying the project. Economic sentiment is at its lowest point in years, and the budget is already bleeding revenue to the point that we risk the state's surplus funds being completely depleted within a couple years. Even if in theory it's doable, taking this risk now instead of later with more favorable conditions for success has no upside. The response in consumer behavior is not predictable because it will be dictated by exogenous factors, not by the policy itself. This is not a solution to any particularly pressing problem, it is rolling the dice while the payout is low and the odds are long.



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The GOP Legislature has repeatedly ignored and overturned the will of the Missouri People. The People have given their voice and the GOP ignore it to promote their brand of ignorance, cruelty, and intolerance. Missouri deserves a legislature that represents the interests and promotes the welfare of Missouri. The supermajority has denied and promotes party politics over the Constitution and the voices of the People.

As a party, you continue to promote the worst policies that further divide and increase the suffering of the people.

This bill represents taxation without representation, which seems to be the hallmark of this party. The GOP has consistently misrepresented and promoted a brand of politics at odds with their oath of office. This bill will increase poverty and lead to the further decline of this great State. As a party you represent the worst of humanity and your ignorance and arrogance will be your defining legacy. Do better. Represent the majority of Missourians who deserve better from our elected officials.



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Please do not eliminate the MO income tax and attempt to replace that tax funding with sales/service taxes. I am poor. Having a large sales tax increase will place a large burden on me and make it hard for me to afford groceries and basic needs for my home. It would be a huge burden to me.



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I am opposed to doing away with state income tax and replacing it with an increase in sales tax because it will cause a greater burden on lower income families.



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Discontinuing property tax will cause more problems than it will resolve- ask Kansas!



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Once again, the Republican Party is governing only for the wealthy. Sales tax will increase, which disproportionately affects people with less money and the budget will have a giant hole in it. This is an irresponsible and bad idea for Missouri.



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I am a Missouri resident, a homeowner , and part of a single household earning under 50,000 a year. Like many working families, most of our income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. We do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and we do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri’s tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower-middle income renters like us, this is not a tax cut, but a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a Missourian, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri’s ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173 & 174



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This results in a regressive tax for ordinary citizens. It benefits only the wealthy. Income taxes are paid according to earned income and though disproportionately favor the wealthy who have many opportunities to reduce the taxes they pay, eliminating state income tax penalizes low earners who spend their income on necessities for survival...food, housing, health care, child care, transportation. Charging additional sales and services taxes will hurt the average Missouri resident. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THE ELIMINATION OF MISSOURI STATE INCOME TAX



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Do NOT end Missouri income tax. Missouri needs income tax revenue to provide access to health care, good schools, safe transportation and strong communities. We need these resources to invest in our families.



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**I am opposed to a this bill because it will place undue burden on middle and lower income families.
There is a better way without giving more to the rich.**



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I'm opposed to this bill because the changes in this bill will negatively impact those who can least afford it, and it will adversely affect services provided by the state of Missouri to its citizens. I am old enough to remember what similar plans caused in the state of Kansas, and I do not want residents of Missouri to see similar problems.



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Eliminating Missouri Income Tax will create budget woes for the state of Missouri resulting in the need for increased sales taxes. This failed experiment has not worked in other states, so I don't understand why Missouri would replicate other's failures. Eliminating income tax to increase sales taxes and create taxes on services is regressive and will negatively impact the elderly, the poor, and the working class versus your wealthy campaign donors. Is that what our state has become---one that takes care of the wealthy on the backs of others? Additionally, if we want young people to have families, why would we tax childcare? People have children when they are starting out in life without the higher income folks generally earn later in their careers; they are already struggling to make ends meet before asking them to pay new taxes on a necessary service required for young working parents. This is not pro-life; nor is it supportive of encouraging young families to make a home in our state. Supporting infrastructure is not exciting but it's necessary. So our state will have to replace the funds lost from income tax with some form of taxation or watch our roads continue to deteriorate, watch essential services become privatized, watch our public resources starve. Is that your legacy? Some of you live in the world of swallowing GOP propaganda, while Missourians live in the real world where we are not winning at the grocery store, energy costs are up and our healthcare is through the roof. If you want to do something for your constituents, let's start there!



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This is part of Kehoe's plan to cut taxes for his wealthy friends on the backs of working families in Missouri!! Stop taking right away like abortion and paid sick leave. Start doing your job to SUPPORT the hard working people of Missouri...the very ones who VOTE!!! SHAME. SHAME SHAME :(WE ALL LOSE WITH THESE NEW BILLS!!! VOTE NO for THE PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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I write today as a concerned Missouri resident to strongly oppose the proposed legislation to eliminate our state income tax.

Missouri’s income tax is not just a line on a budget—it is our state’s most stable and equitable source of public revenue. It funds essential services like public schools, healthcare, transportation, emergency response, and local governments. Repealing it would devastate our communities, especially those already working hard to make ends meet.

Let’s be clear: eliminating the income tax doesn’t eliminate the need for revenue—it simply shifts the burden.

That means more sales taxes on everyday essentials like rent, childcare, car repairs, utilities, and groceries. It means a heavier load on working families while letting wealthy individuals and corporations off the hook. That is not tax relief—it is tax injustice.

As your constituent and neighbor, I urge you to remember who you serve: not special interests or political agendas, but the people of Missouri. Rural families. Childcare providers. Seniors on fixed incomes. Parents trying to afford car repairs or rent in an already strained economy.

Missouri doesn’t need gimmicks or giveaways. We need a fair tax system that funds strong public schools, healthy communities, and economic opportunity—for all of us, not just the wealthiest few.

Please vote no on any bill that would eliminate the state income tax or shift the tax burden to working people.

We are counting on you to protect the services that make our communities liveable—and to stand for economic fairness, not false promises.



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Like HJR?174, this proposal seeks to eliminate the state individual income tax by authorizing lawmakers to expand sales taxes to any goods and services. Even small differences in wording create legal uncertainty and open the door to unintended consequences. For example, the resolution does not clearly define which services or goods could be taxed, leaving future legislatures with nearly unlimited discretion to interpret “any goods and services” as broadly as they choose.

Missouri voters already rejected broad sales tax expansion on services in 2016 via Constitutional Amendment 4. HJR?173 would override that decision, undermining the democratic process and once again directly opposing the will of the people of Missouri.

By embedding these sweeping powers in the Constitution, this amendment would permanently shift the tax burden from higher-income earners to working families and vulnerable citizens, disproportionately impacting those least able to absorb the costs. The vague language also risks destabilizing state and local revenue, creating uncertainty for public services, schools, and local governments.

HJR?173 grants broad regulatory authority to the Director of Revenue to define and enforce the expanded sales tax base, which could result in confusion, administrative overreach, and litigation. Once in the Constitution, these changes would be extremely difficult to reverse or correct.

Missouri should pursue careful, evidence-based tax policy, not sweeping constitutional amendments that prioritize ideology over practical governance, fiscal responsibility, and transparency. HJR?173 hands future governments a rigid, vague framework that risks harming citizens, destabilizing revenue, and limiting democratic oversight.

For these reasons, I urge a NO vote on HJR?173.



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If you take away the state income tax, the State will have to get that money somewhere else! I fear that we ALL will be paying higher sales taxes, gasoline taxes, taxes on labor, hotel taxes, etc. This tends to HURT people earning less money, as they will pay a higher percentage of their income on these taxes as the wealthier folk. Please do NOT abolish the state income tax.



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This plan to cut taxes for the wealthy on the back of tax hikes for working families is abhorrent. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will suffer the consequences. Please stop it!



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We oppose HJR 173 because reducing income taxes and the resulting underfunding of public services has been shown to harm citizens. In 2012, Kansas drastically cut income taxes causing the state to fall into economic turmoil. Kansas lost hundreds of millions of dollars causing spending to be slashed for education, roads, and bridges. Why seek to repeat Kansas' costly mistake? Making up the shortfall by increasing sales tax will also harm citizens, especially seniors and others on limited income. These tax breaks that only benefit the wealthy are an outrage, and we urge you to vote NO on this bill.



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There is no reason to pass this bill and 5 BILLION reasons not to. Not only would it put Missouri further into the red than ever at a time when budgets are shrinking, it would force tax hikes on goods and services and hurt average Missourians while rewarding rich donors. Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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Eliminating income tax and replacing it with higher sales tax on gas and everyday consumer goods will only hurt people already struggling to make ends meet! And taxing services also hurts consumers and small businesses! This only benefits the wealthy at the expense of everyday consumers!



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I am a retired person on a fixed income. If we do not collect income tax in our state, while the wealthy will be highly rewarded, people like me and those who are just making ends meet will have to make up the loss of 2/3 of our state's revenue by paying more for all our basic needs through sales taxes. This is unnecessary and unfair.



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These would only increase the amount of money we would pay as citizens.



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As a grandparent, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR 173. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right.



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Eliminating the income tax will be a disaster for Missouri and specifically for workers and their families. This will substantially shift the tax burden onto poor and working families who are already shouldering more than their share. Words can hardly express how strongly I am against this terrible idea.



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HJR 173: I oppose this bill because Missouri's income tax funds vital services that working families depend on. Missouri's individual income tax generates \$8.7 billion*, 66% of the state's general revenue. Without those funds, other taxes such as general sales tax, will have to increase causing the costs of goods and services to skyrocket. Shifting the income tax to sales tax, property taxes, earnings taxes means costs will go up on goods and services when money is already tight for most working families.



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I strongly oppose HJR 173. I'd like to initially address the unprofessional comments made during the hearing. It was stated by a committee member that the state of CA needs to "keep their communist politics over there." I'm so ashamed that the chairman of this committee would allow this type of unprofessional, unfounded comment without calling a point of order. It was noted that "other states" would not be discussed, but apparently targeted attacks were allowed. The other disparaging comment made by a representative was services were used by "wealthy people" and "poor people" could not afford the manicures, haircuts etc. This is an insulting comment that demonstrates how disconnected some electeds are from real people. As the minority leader correctly noted, everyone needs a home repair at times, has health care needs, or needs emergency care for a pet. All things possibly subject to service tax under this HJR. I'm personally aware of a self-employed massage therapist near the border with neighboring state and she'll move across the state line to avoid charging her customers a service tax.

It was noted by one HJR sponsor that "we don't have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem." That should be sufficient to let these bills go NO further, it's now out in the open that income tax revenue is no problem. This comment was recapped by a witness in the hearing so perhaps the bill sponsor should reexamine his HJR. Several groups were firmly against this HJR including real estate association, three organizations of attorneys and others. Many want exemptions which would upend the entire bill estimates.

In fact, MO Budget Project noted that the State estimates erred by ~\$250 million dollars on the capital gains tax. I'm concerned MO does not have the expertise to estimate the impact of this legislation given their very recent track record. The MBP witness uses another model which correctly predicted the impact of recent capital gains tax impact, perhaps the sponsor should use data from a more accurate model before these bills go any further.

In summary, the details of the legislation was very vague, sponsor offered few details and instead pushed these hard decisions to "future general assemblies" which seems to be a handy way to trick voters into cutting income tax and leave some future legislature the hard decisions of trying to fund services needed by all citizens in MO.



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I strongly oppose freely giving hard earned tax monies to millionaires and billionaires. They do absolutely nothing for 99% of Missourians, like me. Quit giving them my tax dollars! Anyone approving this bill will NOT be reelected and rightfully so.



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Please do NOT push this bill forward. I am a single mom of 3. I have a full-time job AND a part-time job to make ends meet. These bills will make it even harder for me to pay every bill I need to: property tax is the worst. Property taxes went up AGAIN!! How many more jobs do I have to work to just simply pay to survive??! NO on these bills.



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Please do NOT further increase the pain you are inflicting upon your constituents. The people who can afford property are the rich. To eliminate this source of income is wrong, and you know it. VOTE NO!!!



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I have read about the proposal to eliminate Missouri’s income tax. The alternative that I have viewed in articles as being an option to raise state revenue is to increase various sales taxes.

By lowering or eliminating income tax and increasing sales taxes, your constituents with lower incomes are going to bear an additional burden when those people are the ones who are already facing the most difficult problems to make their money stretch to keep a roof over their heads, keep utilities paid so they are not disconnected, and be able to have enough remaining to buy food.

My husband and I are of retirement age, but are not able to actually retire. Neither of us had high-paying jobs when we were in our “working” years, so for years we lived on extremely tight budgets. Anyone telling us to save part of our income had to be joking or totally unaware of our situation. In fact, one time when we were applying for a loan, the bank officer reviewing our application questioned the accuracy of our figures because he could not believe we were existing and keeping all of our bills paid using the small income we had.

Right now, the state allows a standard deduction of \$34,700 for a married couple who are both over 65 filing together. Thankfully, Social Security is not taxable in Missouri, so when we calculate our taxable income after taking the standard deduction, we have no reportable taxable income. Therefore, if the income tax is eliminated, it will be of no benefit to constituents like us. However, if we have to pay additional sales taxes on food, personal care and household products, we would have to stretch our limited income even further than we do now.

Please keep your constituents with lower incomes in mind when you consider increasing the regressive sales taxes.

Thank you.



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This does not work without bankrupting Missouri or making Missourians struggle to pay sales tax. We all remember when Brownback tried this in KS...it didn't work and it broke them! It has already shown that gas tax will be raised and so will other services. Not to mention all the programs, schools, hospitals that will be effected our roads crumbling. Who would move to MO? No one, people will leave which will take more money out of the state. I say NO to TAXHIKEMIKE!!!



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We do not need more regressive taxation. It hurts those who can least afford it. Working people need more support, not less. Please remember that the Brownback experiment was an abject failure that hurt Kansas. This would also further erode the Hancock amendment protections.



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I oppose this bill because Missouri's income tax funds vital services that working families depend on. Missouri's individual income tax generates \$8.7 billion*, 66% of the state's general revenue. Without those funds, other taxes such as general sales tax, will have to increase causing the costs of goods and services to skyrocket. Shifting the income tax to sales tax, property taxes, earnings taxes means costs will go up on goods and services when money is already tight for most working families. Plain and simple - tax the rich.



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I'm a small business owner in Missouri. Cutting income tax will hurt me and hurt my business. If we have to pay additional sales tax, or additional use tax, it will substantially cut into our ability to successfully do our work. Not only will this negatively impact our business, but it will negatively impact our family. In years when I make less money (due to being a small business owner with unpredictable income), I will still pay the same amount sales tax because the goods my family needs do not change. As demonstrated by my situation, this change benefits the wealthy, who get more of a cut on taxes, than those of us who work every day for our living.



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Removing income tax will bankrupt the state, put a hardship on the people, except for the rich



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I oppose this piece of legislation as it will not meet the needs of working families in Missouri. Our community members deserve vital resources and this would impact the most vulnerable in our state. I do not want to feel the effects of this such as in increases in grocery prices, services, or for instance my rent. I am already struggling to get by. I want a strong economy that gives the people in our state access to the resources they need and can afford. I am also worried about the impact this will have on my grandpa, who lives on a fixed income. Don't punish working families to give a tax break to the wealthy.



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Missouri and its residents are already in financial crisis. To lose income tax would crush the state and taxing goods and services would crush the people.



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These bills will bankrupt Missouri, just like it did Kansas. Leave our income tax alone.

We all want our children, friends and co-workers to succeed, but giving away 71% percent of MO's income by eliminating our income tax will make them fail.

I don't want our roads, bridges and schools crumble. I do want billionaires to pay their fair share of income tax. I don't want a whopping 17% sales tax on everything, including haircuts, car repairs, rent and more. I don't want to shift the tax burden from the uber rich to the kid stocking our grocery shelves.

I don't want to rob Peter, the guy flipping our burger, to pay Paul, the billionaire.



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Eliminating income tax would destroy Missouri's economy, as proven by Kansas doing the same thing just a few years ago and deeply regretting it. Why not learn from others' mistakes? Why repeat them and force the people of Missouri to pay the price? The exponential increase in sales tax would be the downfall of so many Missourians.



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These taxation bills only favor the wealthiest families in Missouri. Working class Missourians would not only end up paying more in taxes, but this would leave an over \$5 billion hole in our budget, along with the many cuts Governor Kehoe is proposing for our state budget. Working class individuals and families will feel this immensely due to the stark decrease in resources such as adequate and high-quality healthcare, safe and reliable transportation, and strong rural, suburban, and urban Missouri communities. We need to invest in our families, not line the pockets of the wealthy.



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I am a Missouri resident, a homeowner , and part of a married household earning under 90K a year. Like many working families, most of our income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. We do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and we do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri’s tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower-middle income renters like us, this is not a tax cut, but a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a Missourian, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri’s ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173 & 174.



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As someone on a fixed income, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact me. This bill will cause our sales tax rate to skyrocket, in order to make up for lost income taxes. Sales taxes are regressive and hurt working people and retired folks on fixed incomes. Please consider the impact on Missouri's seniors and vote NO on HJR173.



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I oppose increasing sales and use taxes in order to eliminate the state income tax. This will disproportionately benefit wealthy Missourians while increasing taxes for the lower and middle class. This bill does not serve the majority of the people of Missouri.



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I am writing as a parent of 2 kids in the KCMO school district - I am a taxpayer and have lived in Kansas City for 25 years. And when my partner and I bought our house we intentionally chose the Missouri side believing that schools on this side would only get better and would continue to be funded by taxes and because we love what KCMO has to offer.

I oppose this proposal because it furthers the divide between the haves and the have nots. Instead our lawmakers should be working to make a better Missouri for EVERYONE. Not just the rich.

These proposals would raise taxes overall for most working people in Missouri, while further lining the pockets of wealthy elites AND cut even more funding from our public schools & services we all rely on.



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I am a Missouri mom and full-time worker from a two-income household. I have a daughter to send to college soon. On paper, it would seem that we are doing well enough financially; but, like many Missouri families, we are struggling every day to keep up with rising expenses. When I came to Missouri in 2002 for my job, one of the draws of the area was a low cost of living. That is no longer true. Having our state income tax eliminated seems alluring, who wants to pay taxes? However, this dangerous idea will only hurt working families and the poor, while the rich reap the reward. The amount we will pay in sales tax will quickly eliminate any benefit of paying lower or no income tax. We will pay more for all the things we need just to get by. The burden only gets passed on to those who can ill-afford to have their living expenses go up even more. I urge legislators who support this bill to reconsider, and to have the courage to say no to their wealthy backers, and support the working people of Missouri. This policy of little to no state income tax nearly bankrupted the State of Kansas--let's learn from our Western neighbors and find a better and more equitable way to support the economic prosperity of ALL Missourians, not just the wealthy. I urge you to oppose these bills that will do further irreparable harm to the quality of life in this state.



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I oppose HJR 173. It will cause working people, like me, to have to pay more for everyday goods and services, such as childcare, groceries, even auto repair. This plan relies on sales tax to solve a problem we do not need to create! This terrible plan will affect every aspect of our lives, and not for the better. This plan will decimate businesses, who will watch their customers be forced to drive far away to other states. I am very concerned about the senior population as well, who must make ends meet with fixed incomes and often with mobility/transportation barriers on top of it all. How will they be able to travel to get what they need at an affordable rate? There is no way for Missouri to win from this plan. Residents will experience a significant decrease in quality of life, all due to a taxation strategy we did not ask for. Please, I am asking my elected officials to care about me and the quality of life of my neighbors. Oppose this plan.



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Eliminating the income tax would create an estimated \$8.7 billion gap in Missouri's budget. That loss will be made up through service cuts or higher fees that fall hardest on working families. As everyday costs like rent, childcare, and car repairs continue to rise, this proposal shifts the burden onto people who are already struggling, while providing the greatest benefit to the wealthiest Missourians.



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If sales taxes on goods increase to offset a decline in revenue in order to eliminate or reduce income tax, higher-income brackets stand to enjoy privilege while lower-income experience a higher burden.



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As a former resident of Kansas, I went through Brownback's disastrous attempt to try this same thing. It nearly destroyed the state budget.

Removing the income tax in favor or raising the sales tax would be a disaster, and as a Missouri resident I am opposed.



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This will do our state no good and is not what Mo needs



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It is a horrendous mistake to eliminate state income tax and replace it with higher sales and service taxes. It shifts the majority of the financial burden of taxation to the middle class and poor who can least afford it and becomes a gigantic tax break to the wealthy who can certainly afford to pay income tax already. It would be a gross injustice and financial burden to the majority of your constituents. Please vote no on eliminating state income tax.



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I am a concerned St. Louis area mom and nurse. While on the surface eliminating income tax sounds great, the recuperation of this loss of income for the state is of great concern. First, general increase in sales tax will disproportionately impact middle and lower class citizens. Affordability of basic items is already a huge issue, increasing taxes in regular items is going to strain this even further causing less money to flow into our economic system. This will result in less profits for our local businesses with more and more things being moved from essential to luxury for our citizens. Second, I am concerned with where the deficit in income tax will come from. Pulling from public education is totally inappropriate. I am a life long Missourian and I have watched the decline in our public school systems over the past several decades. We are already among the lowest in funding our public education system and I feel this would decimate it. Additionally, as a nurse, if the option is pulling from spending on health care services, I would also have to oppose. Over the years I have watched several hospitals close or sharply decline over the course of my career. Healthy citizens = employed citizens. Access to health carriers is already such a big problem in our communities across the state. For these reasons I am in opposition of this proposal and invite you all to try again.



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With the cost of living out of control and people struggling to make ends meet; it would be highly irresponsible to drastically increase the cost of goods with sales taxes in order to make up for a repealed income tax. An income tax makes up 66% of our state's general revenue. You cannot make up that difference without adding gasoline to the cost of living fire that people are experiencing right now.



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Income tax is a fair distribution of the tax burden. Shifting to sales tax is a larger burden for the poor. Eliminating or reducing income tax is gift to the rich or don't need any break.



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Regressive taxes are not right for Missourians. Vote no.



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Income taxes help pay for many valuable and important services that support our families, our communities and our state.

Without the income tax funds, other taxes will have to increase causing the costs of all goods and services to skyrocket, The individuals most impacted by this policy are working families, already struggling to make ends meet. The only people who really benefit are the super wealthy.

Kansas tried this and nearly bankrupted the state. In 2012, Kansas drastically cut income taxes causing the state to fall into economic turmoil. Kansas lost hundreds of millions of dollars causing spending to be slashed for education, roads, and bridges.

It's our skills, labor, innovation and spending that fuel broad-based prosperity, so it's time to insist that our wellbeing comes first, not last. Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians to the rest of us is bad for working families and bad for our economy.

As someone on a fixed income, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact me. I am already on a tight budget. Please consider the impact on Missouri's seniors and vote NO on HJR174.



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I am against replacing the progressive income tax with a regressive sales tax. It is robbing from the poor to give to the rich. And you should not put a tax cut on the ballot without including the compensating sales tax increase.



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I oppose these bills. Eliminating income tax, and the subsequent loss of state funds, resulting in the need to increase sales taxes on goods and services will result in lower income people paying more, because they spend a larger percentage of their whole income on goods and services. This is not fair. This is a handout to the wealthy who may pay more income tax, but also make higher wages. This is simple math. Eliminating income tax, and raising sales taxes will hurt lower income people more and the most vulnerable.



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Speaker Patterson stood up at the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce forum when he was a candidate and told us it would be good for Lee's Summit if he we elected him Speaker of the House. But it will be devastating to Lee's Summit if this bill passes. The Mayor Pro-Tem Beto Lopez went to a seminar last week to learn about it, and both he and SD 8 Republican Sen. Mike Cierpoit say it will be catastrophic.



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This is only a tax cut for the wealthy. Our poorest citizens (i.e. those on Social Security benefits) currently do not pay income tax. Now they will be heavily taxed on the essentials they are currently barely able to afford.



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This bill would directly hurt me. As a retired teacher I don't have to pay state taxes. By eliminating taxes, it not only is no longer a perk for me, I'll be paying increased taxes on everything I buy and brand new taxes on certain items and services. This is a direct reduction in my income, and frankly, will be for the poor and class. Why? So you morons can give more to the wealthy. Do not eliminate state taxes!!



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I submit this testimony in opposition to proposals to significantly reduce or eliminate the Missouri income tax.

Eliminating the income tax is not tax reform. It is a cost shift. When income tax revenue disappears, the state of Missouri does not become cheaper to operate. The burden is simply moved elsewhere, primarily onto sales taxes, fees, property taxes, and cuts to public services. Those alternatives fall hardest on working families, retirees, and young people, not on high income earners.

Sales taxes are inherently regressive. A grocery clerk and a millionaire both pay the same tax on basic necessities like food, diapers, clothing, and school supplies. Gutting the income tax while expanding reliance on consumption taxes guarantees that lower and middle income Missourians will pay a higher effective tax rate than the wealthy. That is not fairness. It is redistribution upward.

This policy would also devastate the Missouri state budget. Income tax is the largest and most stable source of general revenue. Sales taxes fluctuate sharply during economic downturns. When the next recession hits, Missouri will be forced into emergency cuts to public education, higher education, healthcare, transportation, and public safety. This is not speculation. It is exactly what happened in Kansas after similar policies were enacted.

Kansas is not a hypothetical warning. It is a documented case study. After eliminating major portions of its income tax base, Kansas experienced massive budget shortfalls, credit downgrades, school funding crises, and ultimately had to reverse course. Missouri is now being pushed down the same path with full knowledge of the consequences.

Eliminating the income tax would also undermine Missouri's 529 education savings plan. The plan depends on income tax incentives to encourage families to save for college and workforce training. Removing the income tax removes that incentive, discouraging savings and harming long term economic development.

Military families would be disproportionately harmed as well. Current income tax exemptions and deductions provide relief for service members and veterans. Shifting the tax burden to sales taxes increases costs for military families, particularly lower enlisted members and veterans living on fixed incomes. This policy taxes them more harshly while claiming to support them.

Supporters claim this proposal will spur economic growth, but the evidence does not support that

argument. States without income taxes rely on tourism, natural resource extraction, or unusually large federal inflows. Missouri does not have those advantages at scale. What Missouri does have is a diversified economy that depends on stable public investment. This proposal weakens that foundation.

This effort also appears political in nature. It reads less like responsible fiscal policy and more like an attempt by the Missouri GOP to manufacture a “win” at a time when public trust is eroding. Rather than addressing healthcare access, education funding, housing costs, or infrastructure, this proposal distracts voters while shifting costs onto the public. It is a game of three card monte, and Missouri citizens are the ones getting screwed.

For the record, I attempted to raise these concerns at a public town hall last year and was repeatedly talked over by Representative Bishop Davidson during discussion of this issue. That event was hosted by a group affiliated with Koch Brothers lobbying interests. I have a recording of that exchange and can provide it upon request.

Missourians are not asking for ideological experiments that have already failed elsewhere. We are asking for honest, evidence based policy that does not punish working people while protecting the wealthy.

I urge the state of Missouri to reject income tax elimination and pursue transparent, equitable, and sustainable tax policy.

**Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Hartel
Springfield, Missouri**



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Please oppose this bill. Eliminating the state income tax will be regressive, and will be detrimental to state services.



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With no plan to replace the revenue to fund important services, abolishing state income tax will provide little benefit to our citizens. Creating a true sliding scale where the lowest earners pay nothing and top earners the most, would be a more equitable way to fund government services.



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I am opposed to HJR 173 - Davidson - TAXATION. This will cause a needless deficit to revenue for the State of Missouri. To make up that loss, the bill proposes increasing sales tax and taxing services that people need for everyday living. I am a senior and on a fixed income. If anything, we should be looking at the state tax and making sure that corporations and high earning individuals are paying their fare share of the state tax.



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Hi, my name is Hannah Rejali and I'm a concerned parent in Kansas City. This proposal cuts services most Missourians rely on, would harm our state economy, and INCREASE taxes for the majority.

For myself and my family who rely on Missouri public schools for education this tax scheme could create an additional \$5 million hole, a devastating blow considering we are already THE LOWEST FUNDED STATE for public education in the nation.

Every kid deserves quality education and services regardless of income or address. Our kids deserve access to subject interventionists, arts, and sports! Our teachers deserve support!

I am hopeful we can build a MO that works for ALL and share this positive vision, but it does not start with more tax breaks for the wealthy and stealing from our state's future, all children in MO.



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We are last in the nation in school funding. Why?



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It is remarkably sad that members of our legislature should consider a constitutional amendment to cut income taxes AND replace the revenue with raised sales and property taxes. This would, of course, benefit the wealthiest Missourians at the expense of everyone else, but most significantly, further empty the pockets of the lower middle classes and working poor. Many of these folks, including people on a fixed income like myself, make too much to qualify for public assistance. Sales taxes are already too high. Unless a sales tax is targeted to finance some broadly supported public good, it is necessarily regressive.

There is no guarantee that tax cuts will create jobs, innovation and local circulation of capital. It has yet to be demonstrated that tax cuts improve economic performance. The evidence just isn't there. Turning to ALEC, other ideologically driven think tanks or the lobbying of the wealthy basically amounts to a formula gluttonous greed.

Missouri does not have Texas and Alaska's energy industry or Florida's tourist and retirement attractions or Nevada's gambling industry. Tennessee remains among the poorer states. South Dakota and Wyoming, respective farm and mining states, cannot attract enough people to live in them to diversify their economies. Washington has a tech industry and has state taxes on capital gains for high earners. Those are the states with no income tax. They are either carried by one major economic sector or struggling to grow. Of course, the attempt to create a low tax environment in Kansas was a fiasco.

It is a further outrage that the amendment provides for restricting the amount of tax revenue raised by local governments just in case they should try to raise their taxes to provide the services their populations want tying all local tax policy in the state to an abstract revenue formula. This, I presume is to dictate to local governments how much they can tax and spend. It is patronizing and undemocratic.

Please leave off these tax cut fantasies. We need robust public investment in the health, education and quality of life of our people, the protection of our lands and waters and freedom from want. More business will come to Missouri once it sees what smart, capable people Missouri has invested in. Do we really want businesses that don't put down roots and build communities? Nor do we want wealthy developers buying real estate with the expectation that the public will foot the bill for the associated infrastructure due to a low tax environment.



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getting rid of income tax and shifting it to a sales tax will make buying everything more expensive, which is fine for rich people but for those of us who are working full-time, like me, a self-employed person who's been supporting myself and my family since I was 21 years old, I will not be able to pay my bills and eat and buy my medicine. Please do not do this.



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Income tax is the most equitable way we have to pay for our state's services. As a wife of 56 years and mother of six adult children and 16 grandchildren, I know what it's like to support a family. We need a just income tax. Tax the rich, not the poor. Do NOT pass these bills.



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We need this money! Everyone will be hurt except the wealthy but of course these are the only people Republicans care about! Our sales tax will increase and that's not fair to low and middle class families. Kansas tried this and it was horrible. Kehoe is going to run Missouri into the ground.



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Eliminating income tax only benefits higher income tax brackets. It's unconscionable to put the onus on working people to up 2/3rds of the state's operating budget through skyrocket sales and service taxes. Imagine representing rural Missourians and watching your community's schools, hospitals and roads crumble because of your own policies.



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I am writing in strong opposition to any proposal to eliminate Missouri's state income tax. Income tax makes up the majority of our state's revenue, and removing it would force Missouri to rely heavily on higher sales taxes and new taxes on everyday services. That shift would raise costs for working families, seniors, and rural communities already struggling to keep up.

When you tax services, you are taxing daily life. Childcare, rent, home repairs, car maintenance, plumbing, heating and cooling work, legal help, accounting, and basic health-related services all become more expensive. These are not luxury items. They are the essentials that keep Missouri families safe, housed, and able to work.

Eliminating the income tax does not make Missouri more affordable. It simply moves the tax burden onto the people least able to absorb it. Rural families, low-income workers, and seniors on fixed incomes will pay more, while those with the highest incomes see the greatest benefit.

Missouri cannot cut away 65% of its revenue and pretend that services will magically fund themselves. The result will be higher costs for families and fewer resources for schools, roads, public safety, and local communities.

I urge the committee to reject this proposal and protect a fair, stable tax system that does not punish working Missourians for simply trying to get by.



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Missouri needs to keep state income tax and fully support public education and Missouri needs. I am strongly against the state issuing vouchers for private education and doing away with income tax will be another big benefit to the wealthier people of our state. The working class and poor are the ones that will be affected the most. I encourage you to keep state income tax and support the needs of the state as a public service.



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Isn't good for the people of Missouri



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Eliminating the state income tax will create a massive state revenue gap that will need to be filled. The likely source would be an increased sales tax. Those who have the means to do so will make purchases in Kansas and Illinois, but those of us who cannot are left paying exorbitant tax rates during a time of increasing food and other goods costs.



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This is a move to a recessive tax that will hurt lower income taxpayers while higher earners get yet another tax break. Enough, already! I would benefit from this resolution but it is absolutely not right and you know it, too.



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This bill is unrealistic, and dangerous. It will not affect the rich here in Missouri, but this bill will very much harm the middle, and especially the poor. Sales tax will have to be raised drastically, and services will also have to be taxed in order to take the place of the missing income tax. Kansas did this, and then went bankrupt. This bill is shameful.



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This bill will hurt working-class and lower-income people the most - it will force them to pay more for everyday services they depend on - like rent, childcare, auto repair, and more, as well as needed supplies & necessities for a decent life. Keep the income tax - it's a more FAIR option.



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Eliminating income tax will create a large budget shortfall which will require cutting services or imposing other taxes which will be unpopular as well as regressive. This experiment failed in Kansas, and we should not follow that broken path.



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Elimination of income tax will fall on citizens who are already pinched by soaring prices. This is a poor move for Missouri and I do not approve of these bills.



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I am opposed to these bills. Kansas lowered their income tax in 2012 by 30% and had to quit after five yrs due to serious revenue deficit. Tennessee just has a sales tax system but their public services are not the best. Public schools are not ranked high. Currently we are ranked 39th in math and 40th in reading. What will we look like after implementing a sales tax plan?? Plus my current sales tax in Kirkwood is close to 10%. We added a sales tax increase to fix our streets. My son had to move back home 'cause he couldn't afford the sales tax that he had to pay after paying his used car. It was \$3600 and he has a decent job as a carpenter. This will detrimentally affect middle class and lower income people which would easily have a ripple effect - increased crime, stress on family etc. my brother in law has an extremely high income. He could easily afford to pay increased taxes. His three kids attend private school, totaling \$75,000 per year. Why punish poor people who are already struggling? Plus the federal government is requiring states to cover more costs. This is not the time to eliminate state income tax.



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As someone on a fixed income, and who works with families already struggling to make ends meet, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact me and others. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families. Please consider the impact on Missouri's families and seniors and vote NO on HJR173.



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I'm writing to strongly oppose HJR 173. In addition to hurting the vast majority of Missourians, our neighbor Kansas has already shown us removing income tax is a disaster for the state economy. Passing this bill risks bankrupting the state of Missouri, and is guaranteed to bankrupt the families that make up the state and elected you to office. Cutting 2/3 of the state budget will result in a sicker, poorer, worse state. Making up the difference with sales tax will result in sicker, poorer Missourians as we decide between paying rising bills, buying groceries, or filling prescriptions. Medical visits will be skipped, families will have to do without, and the state will turn it's march toward the bottom into a sprint. The average Missourian makes about \$1,100 a week. Keeping a few percent more is going to be no comfort in the face of the drastic sales tax increases needed to foot the bill. I have no doubt many of your wealthiest donors won't be troubled by these facts, but the people who elect you will be. Vote NO on HJR 173.



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I'm a Missouri parent and community member, and I'm asking you to oppose HJR 173. Like a lot of families, we're already paying close attention to everyday costs, and I feel it directly when I'm budgeting for my own household. When the state shifts taxes onto things people use all the time, families feel it right away. It means fewer choices, tighter budgets, and more stress for people who are already doing their best to get by. That kind of tax shift doesn't match the Missouri values I try to teach my kids about fairness, responsible management of resources, and taking care of one another. I'm also extremely concerned about what this means for public schools and local communities. I am a proud graduate of Missouri public schools and now have kids in Missouri public schools. I see how much schools are already stretching to meet students' needs. They depend on steady, reliable state funding to plan, hire teachers, and support kids. Weakening the revenue base makes that harder and limits what local leaders can do to respond to real needs. To me, this comes down to good stewardship and common sense. We should be protecting and strengthening the systems families rely on, not taking big risks that put schools and communities in a tougher spot. I urge you to vote no on HJR 173 and protect funding for our public schools.



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This bill puts the burden of funding on the poorest in the state of Missouri. That is not a fair way to distribute the cost of state's needs. Taxes should be paid by all living in the state in a way fairly distributed based on wealth.



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On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, the Epiphany UCC Church Council voted unanimously to add our congregation to the list of groups that oppose elimination of the state income tax. We see this as essential to living out our Just Peace Churches commitment.

In the United Church of Christ, a “Just Peace Church” is a congregation that has made a formal covenant to actively address systemic injustice and violence, proclaiming that peace is possible through non-violent, justice-seeking actions. This covenantal movement was initiated by General Synod action in 1985, and Epiphany went through the study process and voted to become a Just Peace congregation in the early 1990’s.

Just Peace congregations look for ways to alleviate the root causes of violence – such as poverty, racism, and other forms of inequality. Eliminating the income tax in Missouri would increase poverty and inequality in Missouri in at least one of two ways:

- 1) Other forms of taxation would be increased to make up for the billions currently produced by the Missouri income tax. While Missouri’s income tax system is outdated, unfair, and inadequate to meet our state’s revenue needs, other forms of taxation like sales and use taxes are even more regressive, so poverty will rise if these taxes rise. Imagine having to pay an additional sales tax on your utility bill, on services you use (dry cleaning, lawn mowing, car repair, etc.), or essentials that you purchase (food, clothing, furniture, etc.). Some in our congregation would find these new taxes inconvenient, but others in our congregation and wider community, already surviving on inadequate disability checks or small retirement incomes, for example, would have their monthly budgets devastated by such changes.

- 2) The Missouri General Assembly’s majority often repeats a commitment to “small government” and “no new taxes.” Instead of raising funds through taxes, MO legislators might simply cut state funding to many programs that improve our quality of life and form a minimal safety net for struggling neighbors. Congregate meals for senior citizens, child protective services, veterans’ homes, state investment in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, support for K-12 schools and higher education, and so much more might be eliminated or steeply reduced due to lack of General Revenue. In some cases, local property taxes or other funding mechanisms might be increased to pay for what is cut, so in those cases there would be no new savings in taxes paid, just a change in how money is raised.

Our congregation recommends that the income tax be retained, but overhauled to make it modern, adequate, and fair. The Tax Justice for a Healthy Missouri bill is available as a model. This was filed for several years by a variety of legislators and most recently was filed as HB 2619 by Rep. Judy Morgan in 2020. Rep. Morgan's proposed legislation would have done the following:

- **Significantly modernize our tax table which was frozen in time for more than 85 years! The top tax bracket in Missouri started at \$9,000 of taxable income from 1931 to 2017 (\$9,000 from 1931 equals about \$145,500 today), and now starts at only about \$8,500. And the brackets are indexed for inflation so that the table does not become badly outdated again.**
- **Reduce taxes on average for the bottom 60% of Missourians through the updated brackets and a refundable tax credit of \$200 per person per household (phasing out at \$50,000 per year for singles and \$80,000 per year for married filing jointly) – and the refundable tax credit is indexed for inflation so that the benefit of this feature is not eroded over time.**
- **Create a fairer tax system by requiring the wealthiest 20% of Missourians to pay an amount as a percentage of their incomes closer to the amount paid NOW by the bottom 80%.**
- **Raise nearly a billion dollars in much-needed revenue – upon voter approval. These funds could help better fund mental health, public safety, health, and public education, stop job-killing budget cuts, and preserve vital services for Missouri's elders, persons with disabilities, and unemployed neighbors.**



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I am opposed to bills that would eliminate the state income tax. This is will benefit those at the who have the most income. The revenue will have to be made up in the form of sales tax. The citizens who are not at the highest income level will have to pay increase sales tax. This will be a regressive tax. I **OPPOSE** the elimination of the state income tax.



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With this slash of funds, other taxes such as general sales tax, will have to increase causing the costs of goods and services to skyrocket. If an increase in sales tax occurs, it will only hurt the people that already have a difficult time making ends meet. Simple daily items such as gas, taking care of kids needs with clothing, rent, etc. This is just another step to give the wealthiest folks a bigger tax break and more money in their pocket.

You know Kansas tried this and that action nearly bankrupted the state. Kansas lost hundreds of millions of dollars causing spending to be slashed for education, roads, and bridges.

Missourians drive our economy. Our skills, labor and spending just even on daily needs is what drives our economy. It's time to insist that our well being comes first, not last. Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians to the rest of us is bad for working families and bad for our economy.

Missouri has already cut education, food subsistence programs and who knows what else to benefit the deep pockets.

Do what is right and leave state income tax in place! Vote NO on the elimination of state income tax.



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Vote NO! This will bankrupt our state!!!

Vote NO! Sales tax is NOT a replacement for income tax!

Vote NO on these terrible bills that seek to take money from the majority of struggling everyday Missourians and line the pockets of the very wealthy. In case you don't get it....this is WRONG!

VOTE NO!!!!



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**I can't afford the extra sales
Tax on goods and services**



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Most Missourians would pay more taxes under this bill, while giving tax breaks to the wealthy. It would gut the MO. state budget, making providing needed services to our citizens more difficult. The only ones who benefit from this bill are the wealthy.



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My name is Jennifer Layton. I am a disabled Missourian who lives on a very small fixed income, and I am extremely concerned about the prospect of sales taxes going up to cover the budget shortfalls we would see if the income tax were lowered or eliminated. Those of us who earn the least don't actually pay any income tax, so would see absolutely no monetary benefit from HRJ 173. The levels of inflation that we have had in the past few years have taken a huge toll on my ability to build any sense of financial stability in my life. I am someone who has to live in Columbia to be near my healthcare facilities and where support resources for the disabled actually exist. The cost of living here has already stretched my finances to the limit. If the costs of the goods and services I need increases due to sales taxes going up, I really don't know what I would do. All of us trying to navigate lives on the meager fixed incomes that disability provides are going to be in a desperate state if taxes on the necessities of life increase. Kansas tried this tactic in 2012 and almost bankrupted the state. It decimated funding for things like schools, road maintenance, and social services. I do not want Missouri to end up making the same mistake Kansas did. Let us learn from their experience and not go down this path to statewide financial ruin. Please do not vote for HRJ 173. All this would do is give monetary relief to people who have more than enough resources and shift the tax burden onto those of us who are already hurting and desperate.



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This bill will hurt working Missouri families.



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Eliminating income tax across the state will hurt our elderly, retired and fixed income folks disproportionately. Many of my older relatives, life-long Missourians, have worked their whole lives and paid income taxes to this state. By eliminating the income tax now, these folks will be forced to pay out even more of their hard earned savings in sales tax to make up for the elimination of the income tax. Eliminating the income tax will also be a greater benefit to wealthier Missourians, while likely causing those with lower incomes to have to make hard choices about how to spend their limited funds. I also wonder about the effect on small businesses. If products cost more due to sales tax, will people be able to afford to buy? Other states, such as Kansas have tried something like this and it failed... Although, it did get them a Democrat governor!



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As a lifelong Missouri resident, I OPPOSE this tax scheme. It would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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As a parent with a partner on a fixed income, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right.



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I oppose bills that would eliminate income taxes and raise sales taxes, something that low-income and retired Missourians simply cannot afford.



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Missouri should not follow in Kansas' legendarily bad footsteps by eliminating income tax. We are already on the precipice of budgetary disaster. Additionally, replacing the income tax with a higher sales tax would punish low and middle-class Missourians while benefiting the wealthy. Stop this now.



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No! This will only hurt everyday Missourians.



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I strongly oppose both of the bills being heard. This would take away local control of funding flexibility, cut services, and harm a majority of the state with actual tax increases. It would create an additional \$5B deficit in the MO budget, generally, only people that make about 1.9 M would see a tax cut, whereas 60-80% of Missourians would actually see an increase. Median income Missourians would likely have about a \$535 tax increase, and with food costs, and goods and services going up at the moment, I can say that I don't really have extra room in my budget to have my taxes increase for my but crease breaks for folks with more money. That doesn't seem like working for the good of the people of Missouri, especially when it means that I will pay more, but services provided to people I'd like to see supported will decrease even more than what is already happening.

For these reasons, please work for the good of everyday Missourians and vote no on this bill. Thank you.



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Please do not support this legislation. It will hurt, your heard me, hurt people. Please be human and support all human kind.



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This bill will only further punish the poor and enable the rich. As someone who is barely making ends meet, I am in definite opposition to this bill.



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Income tax is our primary revenue source in Missouri and is progressive, meaning it affects people by how much they make. I do NOT want sales tax to go up and disproportionately affect working Missourians. We do not need people paying more for the services they depend on to survive than they already do. VOTE NO on HJR 173



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No one likes to pay taxes, but planning to eliminate a significant source of Missouri income through this plan is irresponsible. So far, I have seen no concrete plan for income replacement. Rumors of sales tax would have a negative impact on lower income than current income tax. It is likely that a sales tax would increase cost for most of us. We need to be able to vote on it before implementation with an impartial cost comparison.



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Eliminating the income tax would make every day expenses much worse because the MO Legislature would cause sales tax to skyrocket, disproportionately affecting the poor and senior citizens. School and roads are already poorly funded, this would only make it significantly worse.



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This type of taxation is not helping working class folks or seniors like myself living off Social Security and what I've manage to save. Voters need a voice, not one you can dismiss with overriding what we've voted for,



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any increase in sales tax or property tax. Will cause Missourians to cross state lines to make ordinary purchases depriving Missouri businesses income. Major purchases like cars will be delayed. We need income tax



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I am trying to raise a family, work full-time, and go to school full-time. Last year was a financial nightmare and this bill will make it worse. Stop trying to make young families and Americans flip the bill for your millionaire sugar daddies. If you want to make things better, make it better for the people that vote for you, not the ones who pay for your tacky billboards and annoying emailers.



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Slashing 2/3 of our budget does not make any sense, we can learn from our neighbors in Kansas who tried this in 2012 and nearly bankrupted their state. This plan only benefits the richest Missourians, and working people (who are already incredibly stretched in this economy) will have to fill in the gaps. As a working class Missourian, I am asking you to vote NO on both of these policies and stand with the people who elected you, not the wealthy few.



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I oppose eliminating the state of MO income tax. It is not in our family's benefit and it will cost us more in the long run to tax everything else. As a democracy the wealthy, the richest Missourians, should pay their fair share of the income tax!

Don't call yourselves religious or righteous people when all you are doing is hurting the middle income class, the lower income class, and especially those in poverty! How despicable! Shame on you!



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Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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We need state income tax for the revenue to pay for the basics just keep our state running. What are the plans to make up for this lost revenue? Higher property taxes? Higher retail taxes? Higher gasoline prices? Is elimination of state income taxes supposed to make us all feel good about our legislators who are "saving" us so much money at tax time?.It doesn't work that way. There's still the cost of living to consider. Lower taxes do not equate to high affordability. And state programs, infrastructure and a host of other budget items will suffer.



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Eliminating a progressive income tax regime in favor of hiking flat, regressive sales and use taxes is a de facto wealth redistribution from poor and working class Missourians to wealthier Missourians. This is both bad policy as well as bad politics in an era where most working Americans feel, accurately, as though our representatives do not have our best interests in mind. This is my qualified opinion as a tax professional with a decade of experience.



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I'm submitting written testimony today against HJR 173 regarding the income tax break. Sales taxes will be increased to attempt to bridge this shortfall, and these are regressive taxes. The plan would negatively affect working families, while propping up the wealthy. We already have a large shortfall of funds in our state. This will cause a bigger hole in our budget, some estimating 5 Billion dollars. How does this make sense when we already can't properly fund our schools, healthcare services and infrastructure? This is a very fiscally irresponsible plan that's made it's way into the legislature from the Governor.
I oppose this bill.



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I am writing to express my opposition to eliminating income tax in Missouri. Nearly two thirds of Missouri's revenue is from income tax, and in order to replace this revenue, sales taxes would have to be increased. Increasing sales tax puts an unfair burden on middle and lower income earners in Missouri. Eliminating income tax will only benefit the wealthiest Missourians at the expense of the middle and lower income earners, and is an unfair and regressive tax policy.



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Eliminating the State Income Tax drastically cuts the income for the state. This is likely to be made up by drastic increases in Sales Tax - a regressive tax that affects low income individuals, including seniors. My 88 year old mother relies on social security as her main source of income. She doesn't pay income tax but would be very negatively impacted by an increase in sales tax. There seems to be very little thought that has gone into this other than it sounds good and will help the wealthy.



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oppose this bill because Missouri's income tax funds vital services that working families depend on. Shifting the income tax to sales tax means costs will go up on goods and services when money is already tight.

Missourians want quality public education, affordable healthcare, affordable food and an affordable way of life. Most people in this state will in no way shape or form benefit from this. Let's ask Kansas!



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the bill will widen the gap between the haves and have not - Other sources of revenue will have to be found- all of which are regressive and hurt our citizens on the low end of the economic ladder. Look to Kansas for their horrible failure



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Our state economy relies on revenue from the fair assessment of taxes based on income. Do not burden hard working citizens with additional costs to benefit wealthy Missourians. We see you, and we vote.



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As a constituent and as a human being I say this,
Do not pass this inciteful legislation. To do so is to further disrupt the peace and disturb the public.
This sort of legislation is an example of our lawmakers and regulators uninvesting in the infrastructure and the people of Missouri.
Already the Missourians are exhausted, disrupted by our communities being invaded either by abusive contract agents yielding deadly weapons and parading as enforcement officials, or by regulation that does nothing to advance overall prosperity.
Haven't we had enough?
I urge you not to further harass the people of this great state, do not pass HJR 173 or HJR 174.
We need better to be better.
Thank you.



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This will only hurt small business while lining wealthy pockets even more.



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This will only raise prices in an already shrinking economy. It will be absolutely TERRIBLE for small business and only enriches the wealthy who need it the least.



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At Missouri Jobs with Justice, we believe that income tax is a shared investment to create healthy communities where Missourians and their families have the opportunity to thrive from childhood to retirement. But because of previous tax cuts, Missouri already has an upside-down tax system where low- and middle-income Missourians pay a higher share of their incomes in state and local taxes than the wealthiest. This plan to eliminate Missouri's income tax (HJR 173 and HJR 174) would further shift costs onto families that are already struggling to get ahead.

Missouri is currently \$2 billion short of the revenue it needs to fund even the basic critical services, like public schools, job training and support for kids and older adults. These proposals would only make things worse.

In order for Missouri to replace the lost funds from eliminating the income tax, the general sales tax rate will likely now apply to the services Missourians rely on every day like rent, car repairs, or pet grooming. So again, working families will be paying even more for basic needs while Missouri's wealthiest will be saving thousands of dollars.

Our elected officials aren't passing laws that will help our families, they're making our lives harder. We the People drive our economy. It's our skills, labor, innovation and spending that fuel broad-based prosperity, so it's time to insist that our well being comes first, not last. Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians to the rest of us is bad for working families and bad for our economy.

We strongly urge this committee to reject HJR173 and HJR174.



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I do not support a bill that would ultimately lead to massive hikes in sales taxes on citizens and force state and local governments to make cuts to services due to lack of funding. I do not support something that will drive a major tax shift to place a larger burden on people with limited or fixed incomes.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Action St. Louis Power Project strongly opposes House Joint Resolutions 173 and 174. These proposals to eliminate Missouri’s personal income tax and replace it with an expanded sales tax would harm poor and working-class families across our state while advancing a political agenda disconnected from the real needs of our communities.

We work with directly impacted Missourians who are already struggling with rising costs for housing, food, transportation, and childcare. These resolutions would make daily life more expensive while weakening the public services families rely on.

Shifting from a graduated income tax to higher sales taxes is deeply regressive. Low- and moderate-income households spend most of their income on basic needs, meaning they would pay more at the register while the wealthiest Missourians receive the largest tax breaks. Between 60 and 80 percent of Missourians would see a tax increase. A median-income Missourian earning about \$65,400 a year could pay hundreds more annually — a serious burden for families living paycheck to paycheck.

These proposals would also create a massive budget shortfall. The individual income tax generates nearly \$8 billion each year, while a greatly expanded sales tax would raise only a fraction of that. The result would be cuts to education, public health, infrastructure, and other essential services that communities across Missouri depend on.

We are also concerned about efforts to restrict future funding flexibility. Communities need the ability to respond to emergencies and invest in local priorities. Locking a regressive and inadequate tax structure into the constitution would make it harder to meet changing needs.

At a time when families are asking for relief and investment, these resolutions shift responsibility away from the wealthy and onto those with the least. For these reasons, we urge you to reject HJR 173 and HJR 174.

Respectfully submitted,
 Action St. Louis Power Project



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Missouri used to run a surplus and now has a definite. We need to keep the income tax to support the needs of the State of Missouri as it seeks to support a quality of life for all citizens. It is somewhat more fair than the regressive income tax, which penalizes the lowest paid and struggling. Make Missouri great again. Keep the income tax.



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The proposal is too vague, with no defined parameters or oversight. The burden is on those who can least afford it. Why should we trust you when history shows you can't manage finance now. Your ineptitude should not further marginalize the mid- to-low income tax payer. Tax the rich and corporations fairly



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I am a 33-year-old administrative professional with a master's degree and a good job and I STILL cannot afford to pay more in sales tax. In the last year I had to stop buying meat because I could not justify the expense. Coffee is twice as expensive as it was before Trump's tariffs. I can't afford to support local economies because I have to manage my money that closely. I had to sell my blood at a Biolife Plasma Donation Center to make extra money. Eliminating income tax and subsequently raising sales and other taxes would harm me immensely. I am one health emergency, one natural disaster, or one major home repair away from having my savings wiped out. I am a frugal person and I do not spend my money carelessly and this is still my financial reality. I do not understand why Missouri Republicans hate the poor and middle classes. Y'all have not done anything to materially improve my life in the 33 years I have lived in this state. You should be ashamed of yourselves for this transparent attempt to squeeze even more money out of struggling folks.



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Removing the income tax is a death sentence to MANY low income Missourians. Rich people don't spend money here, but they do pay income taxes. Poor people, which is the majority of this state, can't afford this. With no cap on increases & adding services to the tax, people will be forced to pay taxes on medical expenses, car maintenance, rent, daycare and everyday services such as haircuts, massages, chiropractic adjustments, etc.

Stop making the poorest among us carry the burden of tax breaks for billionaires. They might pad the governors bank account, but doing this will decimate the bank accounts of hundreds of thousands of Missourians.



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Increase income taxes for the rich.



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I am a retired teacher on a fixed income. Your bill to do away with income tax will force the majority of Missourians like me who are not wealthy to cover the shortfall by hiking taxes on everything we buy, every service we need. Missourians need elected leaders to represent the majority of us, not the richest of us. I cannot afford to pay more for everything I need. You are driving us into poverty. Stop.



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I urge you to vote NO on this bill. Eliminating the income tax (and increasing sales tax to make up the lost revenue) places a higher burden on working families who are already struggling to make ends meet. Those who are working hard to support our families on salaries that don't cover basic expenses should not be forced to shoulder a disproportionate share of the cost of infrastructure because the wealthy don't want to pay income tax.



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One of the reasons you are proposing this is to entice people to come and live and work in Missouri. Until Missouri State legislators do what it takes to make this state worth moving to, no income tax will not bring people in. Invest in our state. Invest in Missouri people, roads, schools, businesses, healthcare. What will bring people to our state is by showing that we care about the people who are already here.



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Eliminating income tax will hurt communities and increasing sales taxes will hurt Missouri families.

For once, do the right thing.



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Under this legislation most Missourians would end up paying more. It adds an additional \$ 5 billion dollar hole in the State's budget. Working Missouri families will feel the burden.



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This bill would mean that most Missourians would end up paying MORE in taxes, and would give tax breaks to the wealthiest of residents.

This bill is bad for Missouri.



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I stand in strong opposition to HJR 173. This amendment is a thinly veiled scheme to fundamentally shift Missouri’s tax burden from the wealthy to working families, under the misleading banner of “eliminating the income tax.”

The proposal would constitutionally prohibit a state individual income tax after 2031, contingent on revenue triggers. This is not tax relief—it is a restructuring. The lost revenue is explicitly intended to be replaced by expanding sales and use taxes to tax services and transactions that have never been taxed before. Sales taxes are deeply regressive, consuming a far greater share of income from low and middle-income families than from the wealthy. This is a direct attack on economic justice.

Furthermore, while the amendment mandates local adjustments to property or earnings taxes to offset new sales tax revenue, it explicitly prohibits any reduction in funding to public schools. This creates a fiscal straitjacket for local governments, likely forcing cuts to other essential services like public safety, libraries, and infrastructure that vulnerable communities rely on.

The amendment also includes a troubling exemption, allowing this massive tax shift to bypass normal constitutional requirements for voter approval of tax increases (Article X, Sections 18 & 18(e)). This is undemocratic.

This is not reform. It is a destructive gambit that protects capital gains and high incomes while financing government on the backs of those who can least afford it through a broader, more regressive consumption tax. I urge you to reject it.



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As a parent, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right.



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I am a generational Missourian; my family has been here since before the civil war and we have always been skilled laborers. Now due to the rising costs and stagnate wages we have cut out nearly all extras from our budget. My kids don't get to play club sports due to how much our utilities have gone up. If you take away income tax and increase other taxes to compensate then we will lose our house. School funding for programs my kids use will also get cut. Missouri is at the bottom for school funding on a national level already. We are in a time where we need to be repairing our infrastructure not cutting funding. We need to be taxing the corporations not cutting taxes to make us relive what Kansas already learned. This is a bad idea that will negatively impact this state.



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As a religious leader, I oppose this bill on behalf of my congregation. This bill will mean that most Missourians will end up paying more. It will be an undue burden on most Missourians, including those represented by the governing party of Missouri.

This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.

This bill undermines the basic American value of equality for all. It will create an even broader chasm between real human beings and the core principle of America of protecting life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.



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I am vehemently opposed to ending MO state income tax and replacing it with new and increased sales taxes. This move would disproportionately affect poor and elderly residents of our state. It will also reduce funding for already underfunded state services. The hole you blew in our budget by eliminating capital gains tax should make clear that this is an even worse idea. It didn't work in Kansas and it won't work here. Quit catering to your rich friends. Enough is enough!



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This is a massive tax cut for the wealthy. The wealthy already got their capital gains tax eliminated. People like me will be hurt by eliminating the income tax because it means less money on our pockets. Stop hurting the working and middle class of Missouri!



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I strongly oppose giving state government blanket authority to jack up sales taxes. Taxes on goods and services are already high--on top of the painfully high prices in my community. Please vote NO on raising and expanding taxes on the people of our state. Everyday families like mine do not accept that raising prices and the overall cost of living for us will benefit anyone (except maybe politicians).



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As a Missouri Title I public school teacher, eliminating income tax will have a significant, irreversible negative effect on our schools. Students and families depend on schools so heavily. The state has already cut significant funds to education. This bill misleads citizens who, on the surface, would love to eliminate income tax. However, with no set plan on where the state will recoup these funds, it would be irresponsible to the children you serve to support this bill.



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The bill will do three things.

- 1) Most Missourians will end up paying more money in taxes.
- 2) It will add an additional \$5 Billion budget shortfall.
- 3) It will result in underfunding vital public services and infrastructure that actually support economic development.

The bill is bad for Missourians, bad for Missouri, and bad for the future.



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My name is LaNee Bridewell, and I am a lifelong Missouri resident. I have lived in this state my entire life—18 years in St. Louis, 7 years in Columbia, and nearly 13 years in Kansas City. Missouri is home for me and my family, and the decisions made here directly affect our daily lives.

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to proposed legislation to eliminate the Missouri state income tax, including HJR 173 and HJR 174.

At the age of 15, I was orphaned. I had to learn very early how to survive and be self-sufficient without the safety net many families rely on. At 20, while still in college at Mizzou, I became a single mother. Like many Missourians/parents, I have spent my son’s entire life working hard and doing everything possible to create stability and opportunity for him. Education is the light that illuminates those pathways. And if that light is snuffed out by policies that strip funding from public systems—like eliminating the state income tax—then we cannot honestly claim that Missouri’s future is bright for its children.

Today, my son is a junior in Kansas City Public Schools—a district where we overwhelmingly voted (85% in favor) to raise our own taxes and make a concerted investment in our children’s education with the passing of the General Obligation Bond for the district. That vote was not just for our children’s education. It was a statement of shared responsibility and confidence in public education.

For families like mine, this proposal does not represent relief. It represents a break from our values and the best interest of our children. It represents higher costs for basic necessities, fewer public resources, and devastating systems we not only rely on but BELIEVE in.

I urge you to consider who truly benefits from eliminating the income tax and who is left to absorb the consequences. Missouri should be strengthening investments in education, children, and working families—not weakening the revenue that supports us and makes us better together.

Thank you for your time and for considering my perspective as a lifelong Missourian, a single mother, and a parent of a student in our public school system.



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Eliminating Missouri's income tax would come at a steep cost to our public schools and working families. Income tax revenue is a stable, reliable source of funding for education, supporting teachers, classroom resources, and student services across the state. Replacing it with higher sales taxes shifts the burden onto those least able to afford it, disproportionately harming low- and middle-income families while making everyday necessities more expensive. Sales taxes are regressive and volatile, fluctuating with the economy and threatening consistent school funding. Missouri's future depends on strong public education, not risky tax experiments that undermine equity, stability, and opportunity for our students and communities.



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As a retired individual, I oppose this HJR173. It is unfair to average people like me because it will increase my total cost in taxes while benefiting the very wealthy. Please vote no on this bill.



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I urge you to reject this bill. Elimination of income tax will result in as much as tripling sales tax which normal citizens can't afford. Elimination of income tax will only benefit the wealthy. Kansas tried this and failed miserably. Missouri will be no different. The state is underfunded enough as it is and this will only aggravate things. The elderly on fixed incomes as well as the poor will be hit hardest as the cost of basic necessities such as food and gas will be out of their capacity to afford. Please reject this change!



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As a parent and grandparent, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family and Missouri families all over our state. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine and many other Missouri families. Rising prices mean families are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It's just not right!



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Vote NO ON HJR 173. Under this legislation, most Missourians will be paying more in taxes than they do now. Chopping this money out of our budget will jeopardize our schools, our healthcare, and our roads and other infrastructure. How are we to draw new businesses when we can't provide their employees with the services they expect and demand? People are already used to paying income taxes. As a senior citizen myself on a limited income, I resent the fact that my husband and I would have to pay taxes for services that we need and have never been taxed before. Do not run Missouri into the ground. Vote NO



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This makes no sense what so ever for Missourians, you will lose revenue and make Missouri the worst run state in the country. People from IL shop in MO all the time because the sales taxes are lower so you would lose all that revenue as well. Stop screwing over the middle class and poor people.



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What has happened to states rights? The eliminating of sales tax will weaken the services supported by it. Education, infrastructure and transportation, public safety and health, social services, state operations will all suffer and will cause missourians to suffer. No.



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As a CPA (inactive), I oppose this legislation because there's no mathematical way Missouri can fund its budget under this plan. In addition, we cannot trust your math after the drastic miscalculation of the effect of eliminating the capitol gains tax in Missouri. This is just another tax cut for the wealthy while shifting the tax burden to middle and low income residents. Kansas already tried this and failed. Our infrastructure will fail just like theirs did. Our public education funds will be slashed and we are already ranked last in the country for that. More businesses will continue to leave just like they have throughout the failed policies of the GOP decades long supermajority. We will continue to see a "brain drain" of talented students and professionals leave our state. We the people drive our economy and that economy will stagnate more once you make it more impossible to support our families.



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I am a career educator with a PhD in Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum, and I am a resident of mid-Missouri. I am writing to express my strong opposition to HJR 173.

As an education specialist, I am deeply concerned by the threat this bill poses to the stability of our public services. Missouri is already struggling to adequately fund public education and healthcare. Eliminating individual income tax—which provides a majority of our state’s General Revenue—without a viable replacement is a recipe for fiscal disaster.

However, I am not just an educator; I am a parent who cooks daily for a family of five. I see the impact of our economy every single week at the grocery store. My grocery bill continues to increase week over week, not to mention the rising costs of other goods and services, putting a strain on our household budget. HJR 173 is not a "tax cut" for families like mine; it is a cost shift. Many states that Missouri is modeling this income tax cut after have alternate (and significant) streams of revenue that make it possible for their state to eliminate some taxes. Because Missouri lacks this, this revenue gap will inevitably be filled by expanding sales taxes onto essentials like groceries, rent, and services. For a family of five, a "cut" in income tax is quickly wiped out—and then some—by higher prices on every single necessity we buy.

This bill serves **ONLY** those in the highest income brackets, who can easily absorb these rising costs. Meanwhile, working families and our public schools are left to dry. We cannot afford to bankrupt our state’s future for a policy that makes the basic cost of living even higher for Missourians.

I urge you to vote No on HJR 173.

Respectfully,



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Stop making marginalized groups of people pay more for everyday essentials--we pay enough. If Missouri needs the money, perhaps our Republican-controlled state could ask the Administration for a piece of the \$700 billion pie he wants to use to buy an island that already belongs to someone else?



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Vote no. Taxing services will hurt families and small service-based businesses like mine.



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I am opposed to the elimination of state income tax and the increase of sales tax. The result of this legislation would be an increase in taxation on the least wealthy individuals in this state, those who don't pay a lot currently in income tax but would pay a lot more from an increased taxation on items they purchase. It is disproportionately beneficial to residents who already have more income and wealth. Additionally, the state is already in a position of not having enough funding and this would increase that problem. Please take a look at what happened to the state of Kansas when they enacted similar legislation. It was almost destroyed that state.



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As a young woman who will be married in the fall, I fear for a future in which HJR173 is passed. I fear for the family I want to have, I fear for my future children, and I fear not being able to afford the life I have fought many years to have. Increased prices on rent or auto repairs would be detrimental to me and millions of other Missourians. I have lived in Missouri my entire life, Kansas City being the only home I've ever known, so I urge you to please vote NO on HJR173. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLEY HUNT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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When I see new legislation that is actively going to make my family's life harder my heart drops. We are doing everything right but everything is heavy. Especially financially. We have two beautiful children loving life at Kansas City Public schools. Even on a tight budget and zero resources their teachers & admin are creating a thriving learning environment. But so much is chipping away at that future. A future my husband and I had, only to be adults in such chaotic times. I say this again we are not staying above water. We could never afford to send our kids to private schools even with proposed vouchers (another topic and also devastating legislation). Even if we had the choice we wouldn't want to. We grew up in public education and it's a right all kids in Missouri deserve and a place we want for our girls. Gutting income taxes and making sales tax for everyday goods, which seems like the replacement option if we want to keep funding social services and schools my family relies on, we will drown. It's already difficult to pay for everything - a mortgage, insurance on all the things, working cars, keep up with bills, and keep healthy food on our table. Gutting income taxes for us isn't helping us. It only helps those who are already well above their means. The wealth is not being distributed and we, hardworking Missourians are drowning. Not able to give our kids a bright future they deserve, the future we were supposed to have. Please don't do this to us. Don't continue to put the burden of derelict policy on everyday Missourians. We can't take it anymore. If schools fail, businesses will start to fail as we all will not be able to afford to invest in the things we need, and my husband who works for a small business and supports our family will suffer. I honestly don't know how we are going to continue this way. It's all reciprocal and this legislation is not that. It is pillaging our already empty pockets from lack of affordable childcare options, rising cost of goods & property tax hikes (among many other costs that we've had no relief from). Kansas did this already decades ago and bankrupted their state. I ask you to be better than those representatives who did not consider everyone. Eliminating Income Tax is not for Missourians. I kindly ask you to not pass this.



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These taxes are completely regressive. They will unfairly raise the taxes of Missouri citizens in the lowest income bracket. It is beyond unethical to lower the taxes of our wealthiest citizens and ask our poorest citizens to make up the difference. This is morally reprehensible.



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I am concerned about the plan to replace the income tax with sales taxes and do not believe it is a good idea for Missouri. Missouri's budget must be balanced and replacing 65% of our revenue with sales taxes on more goods and services is risky and will negatively impact Missourians in the long run by increasing taxes on purchases, especially those which are unavoidable. This is also another way the legislature removes power from the people by allowing the legislature to raise/expand taxes to ANY sales or goods. Missourians didn't want that 10 years ago when we voted to keep the legislature from expanding sales taxes on further goods and services. The Missouri legislature needs to start listening to the people.



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This bill would benefit the very wealthy and be detrimental to the working-class families of Missouri.



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First, Missouri eliminated capital gains tax. Great for those who actually have capital gains, but for the average person, it just leaves a hole in the state budget. Now you want to do away with income tax. How do you plan to fund the state? We need services the state government provides. This is ridiculous and will only benefit the 1 percent of the 1 percent. The rest of us are people who vote for you, and all of our votes count equally, so please do right by Missourians and they'll support you.



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I disagree with these actions. Please do not vote in favor of these bills



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Tax breaks for the wealthy and putting an extra burden on most Missourians is totally unacceptable. Instead of tax breaks you need to focus on providing health care for everyone and lowering costs. I would remind you that elections are coming up. Enough is enough!



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Missouri's income tax is the states primary source (66%) of revenue. Eliminating the Missouri income tax would leave an \$8.7 billion hole in our budget that doesn't just disappear- the cost burden shifts to working people through higher and expanding sales taxes. We are already in an affordability crisis and can simply not manage to pay more for childcare, rent, auto repairs, and other common needs that would have much higher tax rates associated with them.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Please do not eliminate state income tax. This would have a detrimental effect on low income Missourians and harm Missouri by raising taxes on working class families.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA CARROLL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Having no state tax will raise sales and other taxes which will put those who already struggle under more financial stress. We are not a tourist state like Florida so the income is not the same.



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The State of Missouri gets two-thirds of its budget from income tax. Especially in a year when we know federal assistance is being deeply cut, I don't even have words for how short-sighted and dangerous such a plan is. And the idea that we could make up for it in sales tax is not only misguided, but deeply regressive and damaging to our most vulnerable, low-income neighbors.



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WITNESS NAME: LISA PANNETT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-280-1585	
REPRESENTING: ARMORVINE LLC		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 226 KADIE CT			
CITY: LINN CREEK		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65052
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Vote No.



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Missouri already ranks near the bottom in many indicators of health, education and quality of life. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 billion dollar hole in Missouri's budget only making things worse for working families. Missourians need access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families. I urge you to vote NO.



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I'm a Missouri parent and community member, & I'm asking you to oppose HJR 173 and HUR 174. Like a lot of families, we're already paying close attention to everyday costs, and I feel it directly when I'm budgeting for my own household.



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Please vote no on this bill. Sales taxes are extremely regressive for middle to lower income people. This will also cause people to pay more for rent, childcare and auto repairs among other items.



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Do not eliminate state income tax. I do not want sales taxes charged on everything including medical bills. This would be devastating for me I am retired and have a fixed income. Didn't you see what happened in Kansas? It got so bad, the republicans undid their own law!!!!



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Eliminating Missouri's income tax would shift the cost of running our state onto working families. Income tax is our primary revenue source, and replacing it means higher sales taxes on necessities like rent, childcare, utilities, and auto repairs—costs families can't avoid.

Missourians are already stretched thin by higher prices from tariffs, rising housing costs, and the rollback of future inflation-indexed minimum wage increases. This proposal would make everyday life more expensive while providing the biggest benefits to large businesses and high-income earners, not the average worker.

This is not tax relief—it's a tax shift. It asks working people to pay more so the wealthiest pay less, while putting schools, roads, and public services at risk. Missouri should focus on stability and fairness, not policies that deepen the cost-of-living crisis for most residents.



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Please vote NO! We need our tax money for our community.

Eliminating the income tax means sales taxes will rise on services that working people rely on such as rent, childcare, auto repair, etc.



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This scheme to eliminate MO's income and raise sales taxes and other taxes is destined to bankrupt MO and cause financial harm to Missouri families! Remember the Brownback Kansas experiment of 2012!



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The people and persons and businesses earning over \$100,000.00 must pay more taxes than everyone under \$100,000.00. It is common sense legislation. If you do not possess the common sense to understand and act accordingly then please recuse yourself, immediately. Your statutory abuse of low-income constituents will not go UN-noticed. You have taken away our sick-leave; and trying to remove our clinics and our ability to petition for our god-given fundamental rights. We can not buy groceries and healthcare, not to mention childcare and prescriptions right now and you have decided to make our lives even worse? You were elected to support your constituents and you are not. You truly do not deserve the position you are in and will soon be replaced by someone who we, the people, trust to keep their oath, tell the truth, and support their constituents, not the fat pockets of businesses, corporations and PACs.



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I am in opposition to HJR 173--taxation



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WITNESS NAME: LYNDA STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:
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I strongly oppose any effort to phase out the sale tax and replace it with higher sales taxes and user fees. As a senior citizen, my husband and I rely on social security and a small private pension so we pay very little in state taxes. But with this proposal virtually our entire income will be subject to sales taxes and user fees. We spend our money to live: buying food, paying utilities, paying for insurance, buying gas, etc. All of which YOU would tax. This scheme would hurt senior citizens and lower income families across the state while giving a tax break to the wealthiest. Sales taxes in my community are already approaching 9% and I fear this bill would double that amount. I urge you to VOTE NO on this bill.



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Brownback tried this in Kansas and it failed so miserably that we moved to Missouri. Don't make the same mistake, vote against eliminating Missouri income tax.



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Please do not pass these bills. It will be detrimental to public school funding.



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Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE.

This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will suffer the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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Missouri should not eliminate the State income tax and offset it with sales taxes. This is a truly insane bill and will hurt our state. This is a financial giveaway to the business community and will harm the average Missourian. Sales taxes are regressive and disproportionately hurt lower income people. Missouri needs the revenue generated by state income taxes to fund public education and other vital support services. A sales tax will not provide adequate income and will lead to a cut in services. Don't do this to our state!



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This proposal would put even more of the burden of taxation onto low- and middle-income people. Dramatic cuts in Missouri's already-inadequate budget for education and health care would result, making life harder and more expensive for ordinary people. It also removes local control of taxation rates, forcing many communities to reduce services and quality of life. Why should we continue our slide to the bottom of all states?



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I strongly oppose the bills that would eliminate Missouri's income tax.

Ending the income tax would create a massive hole in our state budget. That money pays for public schools, roads, public safety, health services, and support for seniors and people with disabilities. Cutting this revenue will almost certainly lead to deep service cuts that will hurt families across our state.

Supporters suggest that higher sales taxes or increased personal property taxes could make up the difference. But those taxes fall hardest on people with the least ability to pay. Sales tax takes a much larger share of income from low-income families than from wealthy ones.

My own mother lives on Social Security. She spends nearly all of her income on basic needs like groceries, medication, and utilities. Raising sales taxes or property taxes would hit her far harder than someone with a high income. That is not fair, and it is not good policy.

Missouri's tax system should be balanced and responsible. Shifting the tax burden onto working families, seniors, and people on fixed incomes will only increase hardship and inequality.

I urge you to reject these bills and protect the services Missourians depend on.



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This bill would adversely affect lower and middle income people by increasing sales tax on everything purchased. While the current personal income tax is not completely fair, at least it is based on earnings rather than everyday needed items and services.



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Testimony in opposition of HJR 173 and HJR 174

By : Former Representative Margo McNeil
 124 St Stanislaus Ct, Florissant, MO 63031

Committee: House Commerce Committee, Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 8am

Thank you Mr Chairman for the opportunity to address this committee.

The issue of eliminating income tax has been debated before but ultimately failed to pass. Crafting the bill to gradually reduce the tax and adding sales tax to services does not create the environment for economic growth any better in 2026 than it did 12 years ago.

The problems with HJR 173 and HJR 174 are:

1. Passage will take from the poor and give to the wealthy. The effect of this legislation is to increase taxes for a majority of wage earners who will pay more in sales tax. Passage will, however, reduce taxes for the wealthy in the top income brackets - those making \$1.6million or more a year.
2. A huge revenue hole/deficit is likely which will constrain future General Assemblies. When fully implemented , these bills will reduce revenue by \$5billion and may increase revenue by only \$3million if those increases are supported by taxpayers according to the Missouri Budget Project.
3. A Reduction of revenue will negatively impact public education, higher education, college scholarships, road repairs, healthcare funding, food security and many other important programs.
4. Lowers taxes alone are not a magnet for economic growth. In the twenty-five years of tax cuts here in Missouri, little growth has materialized. It appears that businesses and their employees want more than low taxes.
5. Sales tax revenue that grows substantially will not adequately provide the revenue needed. It will not because the population of Missouri is mostly located close to a bordering state. Sales tax increases of 5 to 8 cents would incentivize many to make their purchases across the border. This loss of revenue will also undermine local brick and mortar businesses thus depressing economic development.
6. A lack of adequate revenue will negatively impact public schools, teacher salaries, healthcare, and more.
7. The situation in 2026 is very uncertain. The Trump administration has turned off the federal funding spigot to states – cutting funds for disability education, FEMA, healthcare, SNAP and many other programs that the state depends upon. Making this drastic cut in revenue in these uncertain financial times is irresponsible.

Passage of HJR 173 & 174 will leave us in a situation similar to Kansas’s financial debacle 15 years ago. However, when Missouri reduces revenue, it cannot correct that mistake with simple vote of the legislature. Because of the Hancock amendment, the General Assembly will have to go to the people of

Missouri and ask for a tax increase. Missouri could limp around for years as our public schools, universities, roads, infrastructure etc, decays and residents opt for a more progressive home state. I am asking that you to vote NO any measure that would reduce revenue in these risky uncertain times. The people of Missouri are counting on you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Former Representative Margo McNeil



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I oppose these bills as they will hurt the working class.



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Our state income taxes are already quite low.

If the income tax were to be removed, another form of taxation would need to replace the revenue. This would impose new sales taxes on services Missourians use, including basic necessities, in order to phase out the personal income tax.

It would tie the hands of local governments by restricting funding flexibility

The tax scheme would blow an additional \$5 billion hole in the budget

A median income Missourian making \$65,400/year, those struggling to get ahead, would face a net tax increase of \$535. As a result of this legislation, if passed by the people, the vast majority of Missourians (60-80%) would pay more in taxes than they currently do – only the wealthiest 20% would get a tax cut - with a windfall going to Missourians with an average income of \$1.9 million.



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I am a Missouri resident, a renter, and part of a married, hourly wage earner with a household under \$66,000 a year. Like many working families, most of our income already goes toward necessities: rent, utilities, transportation, and medical costs. We do not have large amounts of discretionary spending, and we do not meaningfully benefit from income tax reductions compared to higher-income households.

This proposal shifts Missouri’s tax structure away from income taxes and toward expanded sales and use taxes. For lower- and middle-income renters like us, this is not a tax cut, it is a tax shift. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families who must spend most of what they earn just to meet basic needs. Eliminating the income tax primarily benefits those with higher incomes, while renters and hourly workers are left paying more through higher everyday costs.

As a renter, I am also deeply concerned about rent increases. Landlords facing higher operating costs from expanded sales taxes can pass those costs directly onto tenants, while renters receive no offsetting benefit from potential property tax reductions. This creates an inequitable outcome where renters shoulder more of the burden with fewer protections.

Under this legislation, most Missourians are likely to pay more overall, while the state risks creating a multi-billion-dollar gap in long-term revenue. That shortfall would threaten Missouri’s ability to invest in the foundations of a strong economy: access to health care, quality public schools, safe and reliable roads and bridges, and strong local communities. Working families will feel the consequences first and most severely.

Missouri does not build prosperity by starving itself of the resources needed to support its people. A fair tax system should ask those with the greatest ability to pay to contribute proportionally, not shift costs onto working families who are already stretched thin. For these reasons, I urge opposition to HJR 173.



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This will only hurt the working people of Missouri. This will not only defund services we already have, now you're proposing the highest sales tax in the country? This will disproportionately affect working Missourians. I'm sure the tourism industry would love that.



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I urge the committee to vote NO on HJR 173. Eliminating income tax will have devastating consequences for our state budget and compounding the problem by increasing sales taxes will crush those who can least afford it. Missourians are already burdened with higher costs for everything from groceries to housing. Vote no on HJR 173.



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Did you legislators not learn anything when Kansas's Sam Brownback tried the same plan? Getting rid of income tax and then raising the tax on goods and services will hurt businesses and jobs. Those of us that live near the state line will compare prices and taxes before purchasing - or will consider not to purchase - both of which will hurt Missouri businesses and services. This is not what is best for Missourians.



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Tax revenue is needed for schools. Kansas slashed taxes under Brownback it was a disaster! If we want to attract business we need to have good K-12, early childhood and universities. This would hurt the working people it purports to help. Vote NO!



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i'm writing to express my opposition to two bills — each of which would terminate the current state income tax. IDoing so would cause taxes to expand to many other entities which would put upward pressure on these entities unnecessarily. Missouri needs the State Income Tax that produces significant revenue for many areas of the state. Doing away with it would severely cripple sensitive areas of the state budget and place our state in a serious if not critical circumstance.



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If passed these pieces of legislation would cause irreparable harm to our state's tax system and to our states' citizens who would bear the brink of this effort. In addition many programs citizens rely on would be seriously placed in jeopardy. And, in addition, to make up for the lost revenue an assortment of entities would have to be taxed to replace the lost revenue that the State income tax now provides. This, quite frankly, would be nuts! As a result DO NOT support this issue and keep the state income tax in tact going forward.

Marvin Sands
Independence, Missouri



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I am opposed to the elimination of income tax in Missouri. I am financially comfortable and pay plenty of Missouri Income Tax. I can afford and am happy to do that. Shifting the burden of raising dollars to meet Missouri's budget demands to higher and more sales and services taxes will put the onus on middle and lower income folks - those who can least afford to shoulder that burden. Income tax makes up the majority of Missouri's funding. That money will have to come from somewhere...I am VERY OPPOSED to HJR 173.



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I do not support eliminating Mo Income Tax. The revenue is needed to support the many services state government is tasked to provide. This will especially hurt lo income people, our most vulnerable who have higher rates of government assistance needs. What kind of society abandons their most vulnerable?



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I oppose eliminating Missouri income tax. Our state income tax is quite modest, compared to some other states. And replacing that revenue with increased sales and use taxes is highly regressive. The only taxpayers who will benefit from such a scheme are the wealthiest among us.



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I am deeply opposed to the even more regressive taxation that would be created by enacting this bill.



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As a tax paying citizen of Missouri, I implore you not to pass HJR 173. Expecting working class Missourians to be responsible for the cost that will accrue from eliminating income taxes will be devastating to families. We simply cannot take the brunt of that responsibility in any way. Passing this bill will decimate our economy and communities. Please reconsider and vote no on this bill.



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Eliminating the income tax and instead imposing higher sales tax is INCREASING taxes on the lower and middle classes. I oppose any such scheme.



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Income taxes fund vital services used by all Missourians, regardless of income bracket. The elimination of the income tax would put an undue burden on Missourians, requiring them to pay more in everyday services. This experiment has been attempted before in other states with no success. Federal aid to Missouri families was slashed, prices at the grocery store have risen, and childcare costs are prohibitive. Income tax is a reliable form of revenue that works. The only winners if eliminated are wealthy Missourians. Your constituents will suffer.



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I will watch how you vote on this and I will vote accordingly at the next election



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I write to urge you to reject HJR 173, designed to transfer Missouri's tax liability over to sales tax only with the elimination of income tax.

Regardless, of your viewpoint about the advisability of eliminating income tax, this plan is wrong for Missouri because it **WILL NOT WORK**. The state of Missouri would wind up looking like fools and idiots because it will inevitably result in budget deficits, malfunctions and chaos. We are going to have our hands full with the new federal Medicaid requirements coming down on us. This is not the time to try risky experiments that stand a large chance of failure, which this definitely is. Can we not learn a lesson by what happened to Kansas? Vote no. This is a bad idea.

Sincerely,
Melinda Elmore



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I vehemently oppose this resolution and proposed amendment. Elimination of the income tax will decimate Missouri's revenue and make our budget even worse than it already is. The ability to maintain critical infrastructure and services will be critically compromised. In addition, the language for sales tax on "any goods or services" has zero guardrails in place for what will and will not be taxed. Moreover to replace the revenue currently generated by the income tax, the sales tax rates would have to be astronomically high. And there is nothing to stop Missourians in border cities from crossing into states that have lower sales tax to purchase these goods and services, further reducing the potential revenue. Additionally sales taxes are by definition regressive taxes that place a significantly higher burden on those of lower incomes. Missouri needs a fair and proportional taxation system and one that keeps our state functioning well. This is NOT good for our state or our citizens - the math is way off and the impact is too extreme. Should this appear on the ballot I will vote it DOWN and will do everything I possible can to advocate against this so that the amendment fails



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I am a lifelong resident of Missouri. I thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. have been around long enough to have witnessed the damage Brownback inflicted on Kansas with his similar tax schemes. I strongly oppose these bills.

This tax scheme proposed for Missouri would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. This is unacceptable.

Missouri already offers the lowest educational pay and falls short in many important factors required to protect and provide adequate funding for middle class needs.

It is obvious to most Missourians that this is a scheme to take from the poor and give to the rich. Strike these bills down and do not attempt to drain the majority of Missourians' pockets again.



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This bill will inevitably increase costs for average people in Missouri, to say nothing of those who are already struggling. We have a new baby and are hoping to have another, and I shudder to think of how we will afford to take care of our children. This bill exists just to serve the wealthiest members of our society and no one else.



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This will be a burden on those who can stand it the least. The wealthy will benefit but the rest of us will bear the burden through increase cost in everything.



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Vote no on HJR 173. Do not eliminate income tax in Missouri.



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Getting rid of income tax will only put the burden of paying for the MO government on regular working people even more! Please do not get rid of income tax



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Sam Brownback’s “Great Experiment” in Kansas

The following summary and conclusions come from *Low Taxes and Small Government: Sam Brownback’s Great Experiment in Kansas* by Michael A. Smith, Robert Grover, and Rob Catlett (Lexington 2019), with additional information from the Kansas Legislative Research Department, Kansas Department of Revenue, and Center for Budget and Policy Priorities. It was compiled by Low Taxes co-author Michael A. Smith, a Professor of Political Science at Emporia State University.

Governor Sam Brownback’s “Great Experiment” proposed to incrementally lower the state income tax and replace the revenue with compensating use taxes and higher tax collections resulting from economic growth and net migration. The legislation enabling the experiment passed in 2012.

The 2012 legislation collapsed the three-bracket structure for individual income tax Kansas had used since 1992 into a two-bracket system and applied rates of 3.0 percent and 4.9 percent. Previous rates had been 3.5 percent, 6.25 percent, and 6.45 percent. The legislation also completely eliminated the tax on LLCs. The plan was to eventually phase out the state income altogether.

Income tax receipts declined substantially in FY 2014, the first fiscal year that the Brownback tax cuts were in effect. In FY 2013 tax revenue was approximately \$2.9 billion but dropped to \$2.2 billion in FY 2014 and remained at the \$2.2 to \$2.3 billion level through FY 2017.

Governor Brownback also promised net migration to Kansas as a result of the lower taxes. It did not materialize. From 2013-2017, Kansas experienced lower net migration than all neighboring states, including Missouri, all of which have income taxes.

More than \$1 billion was transferred from the state highway fund to cover revenue shortfalls during this period. This reinforced the fund’s longstanding reputation as the “Bank of KDOT.”

The Kansas debt per capita in 2016 was \$1,534, while Moody’s Investor Services reported that Missouri stood at \$574, Colorado at \$424, Oklahoma at \$397 and Nebraska at \$8

Governor Brownback also promised to compensate for lost revenue with a use tax on services. Kansas revenue reports do not distinguish between taxes on goods and those on services, but in 2024, the combined sales and use tax revenue for six service-heavy categories was approximately \$138 million, or less than 25% of the income tax revenue drop that occurred in the state each year between 2012 and

2017.

According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, without an income tax, property and sales taxes are higher. In fiscal year 2009, the nine states without an income tax had property taxes that were an average of 12 percent higher per capita and 8 percent higher as a share of personal income than the national average, U.S. Census Bureau data show. Sales taxes are also more than 20% higher.

In 2017, the Kansas Legislature ended the experiment, passing a tax bill that eliminated the LLC loophole, stopped the March to Zero (a formula in state law for future tax cuts), and moved income tax rates higher, though still below the rates in place before 2012.

Kansas also found itself in court over school funding during this time. In 2014, the District Court found the School District Finance and Quality Performance Act to be unconstitutional due to inadequate funding. Courts later found the Kansas Legislature's replacement of the formula with block grants "constitutionally inadequate and inequitable" in 2015, almost immediately after it passed. The Base State Aid formula was restored in 2016.

In 2017, Duane Goossen, former Kansas budget director under three governors from both parties and a former Republican state senator, assessed the fiscal situation after four years of the Brownback fiscal plan:

Gov. Brownback's tax experiment brought havoc to the Kansas budget, and put the state's general fund in severe financial distress. But in June, a bipartisan supermajority of lawmakers rescinded those policies in a dramatic veto override and put Kansas back on a more stable financial path.

Table 1 Kansas State General Fund (Dollars in Billions)

Income Tax Revenue	Total Tax Revenue	
FY 2013	2.931	6.333
FY 2014	2.218	5.632
FY 2015	2.278	5.717
FY 2016	2.248	5.758
FY 2017	2.304	5.817

Source: Duane Goossen. 2017. "Revenue Reset." The Kansas Budget (blog), September 12. <http://www.kansasbudget.com/>, reprinted in Low Taxes, p. 128

Figure 1 and Table 2 may be viewed along with this entire report including sources at the following link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AmGK7J0Rz3m6Eg72DV6iEk0N-X9lvdz_QxJngQqRCil/edit?usp=sharing



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I respectfully urge the committee to oppose HJR 173. For the same reasons, I oppose HJR 174, as it is identical to HJR 173. I will restate my testimony against HJR 174 below and apply it to HJR 173.

While this resolution is being promoted as a step toward eliminating Missouri’s personal income tax, it does not, by itself, eliminate the income tax. Instead, it proposes permanent constitutional changes that weaken long-standing voter protections and reopen tax policies Missourians have already rejected.

First, HJR 173 undermines the Hancock Amendment. Section 26(5) of the proposal explicitly exempts revenue increases enacted within three years of the amendment’s effective date from the requirements of Sections 18 and 18(e) of Article X. These sections are core Hancock protections that ensure voters—not politicians—control tax increases. Temporarily suspending those protections during a major restructuring of the tax system does not honor Hancock’s intent; it defeats it. The amendment exists precisely to guard against the government expanding taxation during times of fiscal transition.

Second, this resolution reverses the clearly expressed will of Missouri voters regarding the taxation of services. In 2016, 57% of voters approved Article X, Section 26, prohibiting the expansion of sales and use taxes to services or transactions not taxed as of January 1, 2015. That vote was an explicit rejection of service-based taxation. HJR 173 reopens that door by constitutional means, rather than respecting the limits voters put in place.

Third, if the true goal is meaningful income tax reduction, the conversation must begin with spending restraint, not constitutional workarounds. Missouri’s FY2019 budget was approximately \$28.8 billion—about \$36.3 billion today when adjusted for inflation. Current budgets exceed \$50 billion. That growth alone exceeds the revenue collected from the individual income tax. Reducing spending to pre-COVID levels (even accounting for inflation) would significantly reduce the need for income tax revenue without weakening Hancock or shifting taxes onto families through expanded sales taxes.

Missouri does not need to weaken its Constitution to pursue tax relief. Real tax reform starts with controlling government spending and respecting voter-approved protections. HJR 173 does neither.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask the committee to vote NO on HJR 173.



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I stand in strong opposition to HJR 173. This amendment is a thinly veiled scheme to fundamentally shift Missouri’s tax burden from the wealthy to working families, under the misleading banner of “eliminating the income tax.”

The proposal would constitutionally prohibit a state individual income tax after 2031, contingent on revenue triggers. This is not tax relief—it is a restructuring. The lost revenue is explicitly intended to be replaced by expanding sales and use taxes to tax services and transactions that have never been taxed before. Sales taxes are deeply regressive, consuming a far greater share of income from low and middle-income families than from the wealthy. This is a direct attack on economic justice.

Furthermore, while the amendment mandates local adjustments to property or earnings taxes to offset new sales tax revenue, it explicitly prohibits any reduction in funding to public schools. This creates a fiscal straitjacket for local governments, likely forcing cuts to other essential services like public safety, libraries, and infrastructure that vulnerable communities rely on.

The amendment also includes a troubling exemption, allowing this massive tax shift to bypass normal constitutional requirements for voter approval of tax increases (Article X, Sections 18 & 18(e)). This is undemocratic.

This is not reform. It is a destructive gambit that protects capital gains and high incomes while financing government on the backs of those who can least afford it through a broader, more regressive consumption tax. I urge you to reject it.



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I do not want the state of Missouri to eliminate the income tax. I'm retired so I have very little income to be taxed, but if you increase sales taxes to replace the income tax, I will end up paying more in taxes. Also, sales taxes are regressive and lower income people pay a higher proportion of the taxes relative to their income than do moderate- and high-income families. I also fear, the State will eliminate essential services when the budget is squeezed from eliminating the income tax.



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Dear Representative Davidson and Members of this committee:

I'm writing to strongly urge all of you to reject HJR 173 and HJR 174. If adopted, this measure will not only make life harder for everyday Missourians like me, it will put the Show-Me State down a road that is certain to lead to financial ruin.

I want to start by saying that I don't have a problem with paying my taxes. Taxes help to build and repair sidewalks, provide necessary services, and enable all of us to have a decent quality of life. What I take issue with is when I have to pay more taxes than millionaires and billionaires. Eliminating the income tax means that we will have to rely on significant increases to our sales taxes to make up the difference. At a time when so many ordinary folks like me are struggling to make every dollar stretch, this legislation would rip what little money we have to shreds.

Worse, we would put the state in a terrible financial position, one we may never be able to recover from. Before I called Missouri home, I lived in Kansas. I saw firsthand how their efforts to do what this legislation would do if passed ultimately blew up in their face. Roads became ruinous, schools struggled, and it was everyday people who fell through the enormous cracks this legislation created. What makes the situation worse in Missouri is that if we go down this road, we won't be able to reverse the decision and negative impacts as easily as our neighbors to the west. Who among the sponsors, the committee, or the full legislature, is willing to go back to their constituents and tell them that they've created a massive problem that they can't fix?

In conclusion, I ask you all to REJECT HJR 173 and HJR 174.

Respectfully,

Michael Kelley



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At a time when the Federal government is actively looking to transfer various programs to the states (disaster relief etc.), the notion to do away with the state's income tax is simply ill-advised.

According to a study by the Missouri Budget Project, to fully replace the lost income tax revenue with the existing sales tax base, the statewide sales tax rate would need to rise from its current 4.225% state rate to around 10 % to 11 %. Combined with local sales taxes, this could mean total rates around 16 % –18 % on many purchases in high-tax areas. Compare that with Kansas and Illinois, which both have a combined sales tax that ranges from 8.0% to 10.2%.

In essence, a change of this sort would cost Missourians from 10% to almost 20% more for everyday purchases. That type of sticker shock would throw the Missouri economy into complete disarray. You might as well close half of the auto dealerships in the state as a new \$35,000 vehicle could burden the Missouri buyer to the tune of \$6,300!

Missouri has many problems that require funding, chief among them the condition of our roads and bridges, a situation that MoDOT will readily acknowledge that it is ill-funded to address. And yet with the challenges of road maintenance evident to everyone, it took 25 years to increase Missouri's gas tax!

Missourians may not be thrilled at the prospect of paying income tax, however I can almost assure you that if they encounter seriously high prices at the grocery store, hardware store or movie theater, they will become deeply dissatisfied with their state government.



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I am a public educator in the Raytown School district. I implore you to consider the negative impact the current budget will have on public education, specifically urban and rural schools. The proposed bills to increase the sales tax to "make up the difference" will only hurt the very people our government should be helping. It is estimated that 60%-80% of households will feel a tax burden when buying groceries, going to the doctor, the mechanic, etc. Only the top 20% of earners in our state will see benefit from your proposal. Approximately 48% of the public school students in the state receive either free or reduced lunch prices. These families cannot afford the estimated \$500+ in taxes. Education is a topic that should not be partisan. Approximately 90% of students in the state attend public schools. Taking another 50 million from the General Budget (100 mill. total) for MoScholars is only helping those already attending private education. I sit on the school board for a KC area parochial school. I can tell you with certainty the plan is for as many current families as possible to apply for this scholarship. This does not help the poor, but creates a welfare system for the middle class. As I mentioned, education should be a non partisan issue. All students, regardless of zip code should have access to successful public schools. Yes, public schools have issues and struggles. Reducing the amount of funding will only hurt, not help. I would like you to take a look at APR scores. I would like to use my school, Fleetridge Elementary in the Raytown School district as an example. We have a FR lunch rate of near 60%. This indicates that majority of our families are not as well off financially. Our APR score is in the top 15 elementary schools in our area. This includes, Lees Summit, Blue Springs, Independence, KC. We can do this because of the positive use of funding. We fund people, not things. We have title reading, math, instructional assistants, special educators not dealing with impossible case load numbers. We work hard to educate. Taking away funding. Eliminating the income tax, increasing sales tax, this hurts what I do. This hurts my kids. This hurts my kids families. Education should not be a partisan issue. I ask that you not add to the inequalities that are there. Inequalities now cause larger rifts in the future. Please help to end that cycle.



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This will only hurt lower income families



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HJR 173 will shift costs from top earners to communities that are already struggling to afloat. This bill will hurt citizens across the state, especially those on a fixed income. The people we promised to care for will no longer be able to afford anything more than the necessities and likely struggle to afford those basic items. They do not deserve to be left behind, for these reasons I do not support HJR 173.



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I would rather pay an income tax than face higher sales tax. I am a Veteran spouse and we lived in Washington where there is no income tax. Instead of income, we just paid WAY too much in other taxes and the cost of living suffered there.



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**Keep the income tax or revamp in another way. Raising sales taxes and adding sales tax will only place the burden on your constituents who are already struggling to make ends meet.
This is bad for the people of Missouri!**



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My name is Molly Fleming. I'm a 5th generation Missourian and proud public school parent. I write in opposition to HJR 173 and similar legislation that seeks to dismantle our income tax in favor of a sales tax. I oppose this legislation for many reasons -- from the inequity of a regressive tax and burden it places on my working class family to all the public good it harms. But I want to focus on one particular harm here -- the devastating impacts of the elimination of the income tax on public education.

I have two awesome kids. They're in first grade at Kansas City public school that we love with phenomenal teachers, a beautiful community, and hundreds of tough little souls working their hardest to learn to read and sum and THINK every day.

They do all of those things in a school and in a district that has a budget that doesn't meet the needs of its kids and teachers -- with cuts to interventionists, language learning programs, arts, music, enrichment, teaching supports, on and on. The robotics team at one of our high schools is among the best in the nation, and they have to sell chocolate to afford to travel to competitions. High school students have to fundraise for their own dances -- or not have them. Parents are scraping to pay for tutors to make up the gap in reading tutoring they used to get from interventionists. Our kids do not have enough.

The budget gaps are not the fault of the leadership of our district. They are a direct result of the choices of this body that have led to cut after cut to public education. These beautiful, awesome kids are living in a state that has been LAST in state funding for public education for years. We are dead last. And last year, leaders of this body and our governor have made choices to exacerbate what is already a crisis. They have chosen to cut taxes for the wealthiest among us at the expense of the public goods that serve all of us. They have blown a \$500m hole in the budget in this choice, and our kids are paying the price. Our kids already don't have enough. And they can't take another hit. HJR 173 is another hit.

I have two awesome kids that deserve an amazing a fully funded public education, and they deserve a state and state leadership who are willing to invest in that future. There are over a million awesome kids in Missouri - bright, curious, hardworking, far too resilient children who do not have enough. You in this body get to decide what happens next, and I hope you decide to table HJR 173 in favor of a future that prioritizes our kids and their schools over bank accounts of the already wealthy.



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I am in opposition of eliminating the income tax and increasing sales tax. We have entire generation on a fixed income already suffering by not being able to afford a quality of life during their retirement, and population who can barely afford to feed themselves or their families. This detrimental to our health. No HJT - 173 & 174!



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Eliminating income tax requires expanding sales and use taxes. Sales taxes are regressive, meaning they take a higher percentage of income from low-income families than from wealthy ones. Threatens Public Services: And it is argued that without income tax revenue, Missouri will be forced to cut funding for public services, including education, infrastructure, and emergency services. These building blocks of a strong state economy are already underfunded. Do not vote this bill as it is out of committee



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Our state has to have income to operate programs for the people of the state. Income tax is equitable to all. Vote no on elimination of income taxes in Missouri.



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I am **STRONGLY** opposed to this bill for several reasons. First, eliminating the income tax serves only individuals who pay significant income tax in the first place. I'm sick of having to support people of adequate wealth favored in legislation like this. Second, all state funds will need to come from somewhere, forcing all of us who use goods and services to spend even more at a time when prices are already too high. Wealthier people can absorb it, so many of us will not be able to. Finally, it overrides the will of the people in that we voted in limits on tax increases. Giving the legislature even more power to override our will is outrageous. Sounds good, but it's a bad, stupid plan. Remember, Kansas went broke. Quit pandering to wealthy donors and remember you agreed to serve on behalf of all of Missouri, not just the rich.



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These bills eliminating income tax and increasing sales taxes are the worst ideas Missouri legislators have had in the past decades. Having lived in a state with no income tax I'm not blinded to the fact that every day people will make up that lost revenue in the form of sales taxes and fees on every aspect of their daily lives. It's an inevitable rise in the cost of living which hits wage earners the most. It only serves to further decrease the standard of living for the average citizen. Missouri continues to go down the road of punishing the average worker and rewarding the wealthiest. It only serves to weaken Missouri's economy and decreases spending on essential services. Colossal bad governance.



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Income tax is much less expensive than sales tax for low income or fixed income persons. We need funds to fully fund public schools, so that ALL students can get a quality education in the state.



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I am opposed to HJR 173 & 174 which would give the MO legislature nearly unlimited authority to raise and extend sales and use taxes in an attempt to reduce state income taxes. This will shift the tax burden from wealthy taxpayers onto seniors and working families.



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I strongly oppose the elimination of the MO income tax.

I strongly oppose all efforts to Divide & Hide MO taxation. I strongly oppose any increase in sales taxes or any other taxes, or any increases in permits & fees & licenses etc

I strongly oppose adding services or any other category to sales taxes.

Sales taxes are regressive.



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I'm writing to strongly oppose HJR 173. In addition to hurting the vast majority of Missourians, our neighbor Kansas has already shown us removing income tax is a disaster for the state economy. Passing this bill risks bankrupting the state of Missouri, and is guaranteed to bankrupt the families that make up the state and elected you to office. Cutting 2/3 of the state budget will result in a sicker, poorer, worse state. Making up the difference with sales tax will result in sicker, poorer Missourians as we decide between paying rising bills, buying groceries, or filling prescriptions. Medical visits will be skipped, families will have to do without, and the state will turn it's march toward the bottom into a sprint. The average Missourian makes about \$1,100 a week. Keeping a few percent more is going to be no comfort in the face of the drastic sales tax increases needed to foot the bill. I have no doubt many of your wealthiest donors won't be troubled by these facts, but the people who elect you will be. Vote NO on HJR 173.



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We must not eliminate the Missouri income tax and substitute regressive taxes such as sales taxes to cover obligations to citizens such as free public education. We have spent the huge budget surplus and now have nothing left. The income tax is necessary to fund essential public services.



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I understand the Davidson and Patterson tax plans to eliminate Missouri's individual income tax both will delete nearly two thirds of our general revenue and create a huge hole in the budget. The way to replace it by increasing sales taxes on existing items we already purchase and newly taxing services we need to live decent lives such as doctor and dentist visits, home and car maintenance, and many others. As a senior living on a fixed income and living through already increasing prices of groceries and other goods, this will become increasingly difficult to live in retirement after working full time for over 50 years. My retirement will mean I must take on part time work. At my age it will be increasingly difficult to keep on working.

This is a massive tax cut for Missourians with the highest incomes, people who can afford to pay their fair share. Many of the wealthiest have already benefitted last year from cuts in capital gains. The rich will benefit even more while the working majority and those of us on fixed income will pay relatively more taxes.

Further, these two tax cut proposals will take Missouri down the same road that Kansas has traveled and ended up needing to slash spending on education, road and bridges. Missouri is already 50th in the U. S. for education spending so these tax cuts will eliminate our ability to have an educated workforce that is needed to attract new businesses with decent paying jobs to Missouri. These income tax elimination plans are very short sighted and will only harm Missouri, who already struggles to keep up with neighboring states.

This proposal to eliminate taxes makes no sense and will only make our lives, the infrastructure and well being of the state of Missouri worse.



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Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE taxes through increases in sales tax, fuel and other use taxes. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget, and it will be working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. Such a tax scheme would be even more detrimental to public education in Missouri. What companies or families would want to "move or build" in Missouri--a state that has crumbling roads, childcare deserts, public education that ranks 49th and 50th in the nation for teacher salaries and school funding; broadband deserts, and continues to sabotage safety net programs for families, children and senior citizens. To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality PUBLIC schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our citizens and their quality of life. Keep income taxes in Missouri. Let the wealthy pay their share! Missouri politicians work for ALL Missourians. Remember the state motto: "The welfare of the PEOPLE will be the supreme law."



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I am writing to express my opposition to HJR 173. I happily pay my state income tax because I know it goes to valuable services that my family and I rely on, along with millions of Missourians.

A huge concern for me is public education. Missouri has the **LOWEST** level of public school funding in the nation!! And there is already a big budget gap going into the year, largely the result of elimination of taxes on capital gains last year. Gutting the state income tax will leave a \$5 million budget gap that will be impossible to cover. Our schools will suffer. Our communities will suffer. Our children - the future leaders of this state - will suffer.

Instead of giving a handout to the wealthy, think of all the average families like my own that struggle day to day to make ends meet and rely on publicly funded services.



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Hello, my name is Natalie Patrick-Knox. I am part of the sandwich generation here in Missouri. I have kids in public schools and a mother-in-law and grandmother-in-law who depend on me and my husband AND public services.

Every cent of our family budget is pushed to the max but we are making it work. But the income tax makes sense to me because everyone who is able pays their share and we have get a civilized society. I believe if you cut income taxes it will benefit the wealthy the most while recklessly taking money away from public schools and healthcare and other services that Missouri needs.

At the same time the proposal to raise sales tax will hurt those of us already stretching our pennies the most. We can't buy our way out of this. My elderly in-laws are already buying the cheapest groceries possible. The only answer will be to eat less. We will have to try to stretch things thinner to do more to support them. The math does not add up with what we will "save" in income tax with what we need to spend on sales tax to support our family. This means not saving anything for college for my two kids, which we have been trying to put away \$25 a piece each month for (it is not enough but will help buy some books when they get there).

The math does not add up for families like mine. Please oppose both HJR 173 and HJR 174



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I urge you to oppose this legislation because MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE in taxes. Increasing sales tax is a regressive tax that will cause lower income Missourians to pay a higher portion of their income on services that are tough to afford now. Income tax is a progressive tax which would cause wealthier Missourians to pay their fair share of taxes.

This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.

Our state is already short millions of dollars in revenue thanks to elimination of the capital gains tax which benefit about 6% of our wealthiest residents. Estimates of the cost of that bill fell far short of the actual impact causing the governor to cut funding for things like transportation for schools.

Please do not make life more difficult for Missourians working hard each day to get by changing tax policy.



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Time and time again, you have proven to your constituents that you are not working for the people. You all have continuously failed to represent us: the working population of our state. HJR 173 and 174 are designed to benefit only the most wealthy Missourians—offloading the lost revenue generated from these taxes to the cost of essential and everyday goods and services primarily paid for by the rest of us. The blueprint is clear: make the rich richer via the exploitation of working class Missourians like myself. We can see through this plan. Unfortunately for you, many of us can read. Which is, perhaps, one of your greatest incentives for cutting income taxes. Less money for schools results in a less literate and educated population. Seemingly an objective shared by many in the wealthy ruling classes. Do not pass these bills.



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This bill and it's companion HJR 174 are a scam for wealthy GOP donors that does nothing to ease the burden of higher cost of living on a vast majority of Missourians. The Republican party in Missouri is only beholden to wealthy donors looking to sell Missouri for parts and line their pockets. Working class Missourians will lose thousands of dollars every year and will get nothing in return: worse roads, worse schools, and worse healthcare. As a working class Missourian, I am stridently opposed to this bill.



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I strongly oppose HJR 173 and HJR 174. Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE.

This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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Have we not learned anything from Kansas. Elimination of our state income tax will not promote economic growth. The massive decline in state revenue will mean reduced funding for public services, and school funding issues.

I strongly oppose this bill. It will not meet the tax burden of our state fairly!



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The proposed changes are too open ended, granting the legislature too much discretion in determining sales taxes. The transition from income to sales tax places a disproportionate amount of the burden on lower income families.



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I strongly oppose HJR 173, a proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate Missouri's income tax. The State is already facing significant fiscal challenges with the ending of all ARPA support and the foolish elimination of capital gains tax. Missouri citizens need and deserve improved services not diminished ones. Further financial support is needed for education, mental health, rural health care and a host of others. We're already near the bottom of states in spending in these vital areas and that lack of investment is reflected in our infant and maternal mortality, educational achievement, foster care and senior services, and other failures. We simply cannot afford a 5 billion dollar cut to the care of Missourians. Additionally, this scheme to eliminate income taxes is a thinly veiled attempt to shift tax burden from millionaires to the working class. Income taxes are the only taxes paid fairly by the wealthy. Whatever shift to sales and other taxes is eventually proposed will likely be a tax on every dollar that working people spend, while the wealthy can shield a large portion of their income by stacking it away tax free as they don't need every dollar to live. This has been tried and has failed miserably (see Brownback Kansas) and we must not repeat the mistake here. Please send a resounding no to HJR 173!



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This resolution would ask voters to allow expansion of the tax base for state and local sales taxes if the legislature eliminates the individual income tax. This proposal, if implemented, could cut state general revenues by at least \$5 billion. This change would devastate public investment in all sectors and damage the state's economy. The Association opposes the HJR and elimination of the state income tax.



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Eliminating income tax will cause revenue shortfalls that would require sales tax increases that overwhelmingly hurt lower income people. Vote no!



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Working families and seniors will be hit hard by eliminating income tax. As someone on a fixed income, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact me and all seniors in the same situation. I am already on a tight budget and if I am asked to pay additional tax when I get my hair cut, or my car repaired, I don't see how I can manage. Please consider the impact on Missouri's seniors and vote NO on HJR173.



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I oppose the passage of these bills because of the damage they will do to Missouri's social services in the future.



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I do not believe increasing sales tax and garnishing state programs that are meant to help those in poverty would be beneficial for Missouri. I oppose these bills whole-heartedly. This feels like a scheme to keep poor people poor with no ability to escape poverty.



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I have concerns about having enough money to fund the state. I am not for shifting the tax burden to consumers with a questionable economy. People are having enough trouble affording expenses to live. At some point people will stop spending, especially for services they don't need.



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I am opposed to the elimination of Missouri's Income Tax. This funds from this tax 66 percent of our budget. Cutting these funds will result in having to slash vital Missouri Services and/or raising the sales tax exponentially. An increase in sales tax will hurt both working Missourians and those of us who are retired and on a fixed income. Cutting vital services will impact every Missourian. Please vote in opposition.
Thank you, Pamela Robb



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Eliminating the income tax means sales taxes will rise on services that working people rely on such as rent, childcare, etc.



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I speak as a senior citizen on a fixed income living in a rural county where many of my neighbors are living on far less than I do. I speak as a former public educator who saw the impact of families struggling to get by, and its impact on the ability of hundreds of students to learn. Eliminating (or decreasing the upper rates) of income tax will increase the sales tax burden through expansion and rate hikes. Those impacted the most are those who can afford it the least. You can not slash 2/3 of Missouri's general revenue without raising other taxes. You are NOT fooling your constituents!



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I am against this bill.

Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE and this tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences.

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families. We do not have the income coming in that rich no tax states have. Do not raise the sales tax to cover the deficient.



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If this bill was passed, it could cut state general revenues by half and threaten the continued operation of the state government. What the Governor's budget recommends (GR expenditures of roughly \$16.2 billion for next year) exceeds next year's estimated net general revenues of about \$13.7 billion. The legislature has been spending large fund balances for several years. These balances were primarily due to various one-time federal funds. Term-limited legislators who have never faced budget cuts will now be forced to make billions in cuts to correct this imbalance within the next two budget years.

Elimination of the individual income tax would cut \$8 billion in net annual revenue. I oppose the expansion of the tax base to services that are not currently taxed and the removal of current exemptions on the sales of goods.



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Do not give any more tax benefits to the wealthy at the expense of working class Missourians.



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As a senior, removing income tax will cost me more money and will insufficiently fund needed programs and institutions in our state.



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I oppose a constitutional amendment relating to taxation.



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I oppose HJR 173 and HJR 174.

As a retired veteran, I believe in fiscal responsibility and keeping the promises we make to our communities. Eliminating Missouri's income tax would blow an estimated \$8.7 billion hole in the state budget, with no realistic plan to replace that revenue.

That loss will mean cuts to public schools, roads, healthcare, and services seniors and veterans rely on—or higher sales taxes and fees that hit working families and retirees hardest. The biggest beneficiaries of this proposal are the wealthiest Missourians, while everyone else pays more for necessities.

This is not responsible budgeting, and it puts Missouri's long-term stability at risk.

I urge the committee to vote no on HJR 173 and HJR 174.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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I oppose bills that would eliminate income taxes and raise sales taxes, something that low-income and retired Missourians simply cannot afford.



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I don't want to see the middle class and working class screwed over by these proposals. Life is already expensive enough without the extra taxes and fees this will add to everyday goods and services people depend on. Nor do I want to see the cuts to essential services these bills would lead to. The only people who will benefit from this are the rich donors to these politicians.



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Essential services do NOT go away. The NEED for essential services does NOT stop. Where will the money come from? Missouri workers. Help the many, not the rich.



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Eliminating the income tax sounds good at first but the people will still have to pay those taxes somehow, or Missouri would lose over 8 billion in revenue. Transferring income tax to sales tax would really hurt everyday people who live pay check to pay check and even those who are just not wealthy. Working people will pay the price while the richest get the break. Costs for childcare, rent, and basic repairs will keep climbing - hitting working families hardest. I am in opposition of eliminating income taxes. Stop tax cuts for the rich (eliminating capital gains and proposed elimination of income taxes) and do something the people who iron your shirts, pick up your trash, make your bistro coffee and even those who police your streets. Thank you for your consideration and service.



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Do NOT end Missouri income tax. Missouri needs income tax revenue to provide access to health care, good schools, safe transportation and strong communities. We need these resources to invest in our families.



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This is wrong. Why are you making real life more difficult There are enough divisions in our country and in our state. Why are you making divisions even bigger and actually hurting individuals and families. You have received facts about the impacts involved but here they are again. Under this legislation, MOST Missourians would end up paying MORE. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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Eliminating the state income tax is a mistake. Some other state income will need to make up the deficit. If it is a sales tax, that will create a burden on the most vulnerable. Also, MO residents living on the borders of other states will purchase more item out of state which will hurt our businesses and state economy.



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To the members of the House Commerce Committee:

My name is Rachel Hogan. I am a lifelong Missourian, resident of Kansas City and a parent of a 4th grader at a Kansas City Public School. I am writing in opposition to HJR 173 and any move to eliminate or phase out our state's income tax. I know that our schools and so many of the essential public services that Missourians rely on are funded through the income tax and taking away this critical revenue could be mean devastating cuts to my child's classroom and schools across our state.

Funding our children's education is one of the most important responsibilities we have and a critical part of building a brighter future for Missouri. Already, public schools have contended with cuts that meant they could not afford to keep essential teaching staff like reading specialists, who help our kids be prepared and supported. Eliminating the income tax could mean massive cuts that leave schools with little choice but to cut more staff and increase class sizes. Our kids would suffer in these conditions and their futures would too.

My mother was a paraprofessional in Kansas City schools and she poured her heart into the children she taught. I know so many teachers and staff working in our schools today doing the most important work but they struggle to pay the bills because they are underpaid. Many have left the profession because they cannot afford to stay. We need to ensure schools are fully funded so we can pay teachers what they are worth and ensure more quality teachers can keep doing the work they love-and keep preparing our children to be the future leaders of our state.

I urge you to consider the consequences for children like mine all across our state. Please remember the working people who you represent and who will see higher taxes and less funding for the things they need, under this proposal to eliminate the income tax. Missouri can be a great place to live and build a future--but only if we fund the things that help communities thrive.

I urge you to do the right thing for the working people of this state and do not move this irresponsible proposal forward.

Thank you for your time,
Rachel Hogan
 Kansas City resident, parent, taxpayer and voter



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I am writing today to testify in strong opposition to HJR 173. While this resolution is framed as a path to growth, it is, in reality, a constitutional mandate for a \$5 billion budget crisis that Missouri families simply cannot afford.

The Sales Tax Shift

HJR 173 proposes a dangerous "tax shift." By setting a 2031 deadline to eliminate the individual income tax, this bill forces the General Assembly to expand sales and use taxes to services that have never been taxed before—potentially including rent, daycare, and essential repairs. Under this scheme, most Missourians would end up paying more at the register just to fund a windfall for the top 1%. We shouldn't be making it more expensive to live in Missouri in exchange for a gamble on our state's revenue.

The Fiscal Deficit

The fiscal math here is staggering. Eliminating the income tax creates a \$5 billion hole in our state's budget. We cannot "trigger" our way out of a deficit of that magnitude without devastating our public services. This is a direct threat to our state's AAA credit rating and our ability to meet basic obligations to our citizens.

Starving Infrastructure and Schools

To build a strong economy, Missouri needs quality schools, safe bridges, and reliable healthcare. HJR 173 would starve our state of the very resources required to maintain our infrastructure. We cannot attract the businesses of tomorrow if our roads are crumbling and our workforce is under-educated because we've gutted our foundation today.

Conclusion

I urge this committee to protect Missouri's fiscal future and vote "No" on HJR 173. Let's focus on responsible growth that protects our budget and invests in our future. Thank you.



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I am a retired senior resident and do not pay Missouri State Income tax. The shift in the tax to a Personal Property tax would mean that I am paying more taxes and it seems that I keep paying for something that I have already paid for.



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Eliminating the income tax just shifts the burden of taxation to those who can least afford it by expanding the amounts & scope of the sales tax. In addition, it's very unlikely sales & other tax & fee increases will make up for the estimated 8.7 billion dollars the state will lose in revenue, nearly 2/3 of Missouri's budget. Do not repeat the mistake Kansas went thru years ago when their drastic income tax cut resulted in disastrous economic consequences for education, infrastructure, health care, senior & children's services, & other services the state provides for its loyal citizens. Thank you very much.



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I'm opposed.



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The income tax is Missouri's primary revenue source. Eliminating the income tax means sales taxes will rise on services that working people rely on such as rent, childcare, auto repair, etc. Poor people in Missouri struggle enough already - there is no need for them to struggle any more than they already do through making them pay more in regressive taxes! Keep the MO income tax!



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

I am a Missouri resident, and I am here in opposition to HJR 173 and HJR 174 because together they represent a serious threat to Missouri’s long term fiscal stability and to the public services our communities depend on.

While these resolutions are framed differently, they are clearly part of the same effort. Both move Missouri toward weakening and ultimately eliminating the state income tax by locking tax policy into the Constitution. That would permanently limit the ability of future legislators and voters to respond to economic downturns, emergencies, or changing needs.

Missouri’s income tax is a major source of funding for public schools, healthcare, infrastructure, and public safety. Eliminating it or constitutionally restricting it does not make the cost of those services disappear. It simply shifts the burden elsewhere, most likely to higher sales taxes or expanded taxes on everyday goods and services. That shift hurts working families, seniors on fixed incomes, and rural Missourians the most.

We have already seen how recent tax cuts were underestimated and resulted in far larger revenue losses than promised. These resolutions would magnify that risk and make it much harder to correct course if the projections are wrong. Other states that attempted similar experiments experienced deep cuts to education and public services and spent years trying to recover.

The job of legislators is to protect the people they represent. Locking major tax changes into the Constitution takes away flexibility and accountability and puts future budgets and essential services at risk. Missouri should not gamble its schools, healthcare, and infrastructure on tax policies that primarily benefit those who are already doing well.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to vote no on HJR 173 and HJR 174.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sales tax is a very regressive tax and will hurt the lower and middle class. It will open door for corruption and cronyism (why not put tax on agricultural?) It will lead to deficit. Kc and stl residents can cross state lines to avoid tax for purchases and services. It places big burden on local governments to adjust their sales taxes and adjust for those missing funds.



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Vote NO. Leave the Hancock Amendment alone, this removed and or reduces its power. Leave income taxes as is, cut spending. Vote NO because this will raise sales tax and all other taxes, and on services and labor, which have no tax currently, with no boundaries.



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Eliminating Missouri's income tax will cause a huge budget deficit which will hit everyday working people in their pockets when it comes to childcare, rent, etc.



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I lived in Texas for 35 years and there was no state income tax BUT propertY taxes were extremely high because it was up to local tax payers to pay for schools and services. This will hurt the poorer rural property owners.



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This is nothing more than another gift to take money from the poor and hand it to the wealthy. By getting rid of income tax, we lose a huge pool of money from the wealthy, and the burden then is placed on everyday citizens in the form of bloated sales taxes. Taxes must be paid. The rich don't get to hide from them.



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This is an irresponsible piece of legislation that threatens our states economic future in order to give a small percentage of our population a tax cut. Please vote no.



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TO: House Commerce Committee
FROM: Community Health Commission of Missouri (CHCM)
DATE: January 28, 2026
RE: Concerns Regarding HJR 173 & HJR 174 – State Health & Economic Implications

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Community Health Commission of Missouri (CHCM), thank you for the opportunity to share our analysis of House Joint Resolutions 173 and 174.

At CHCM, we approach legislation through a practical lens: how policy choices affect the health, economic stability, and long-term resilience of Missouri’s families, communities, and businesses—across geography and across party lines. While we recognize the intent of these resolutions to promote economic growth, our review indicates that the likely outcome would be increased financial strain on working households, reduced consumer spending, and significant risk to the revenue base Missouri relies on to function effectively.

Under HJR 173 and 174, the elimination of the income tax would be replaced by a substantially expanded sales tax. In practice, this structure shifts the tax burden onto those who spend the highest share of their income on necessities—working families and retirees—while providing the largest benefit to the highest earners. A stable economy depends on a consumer base with sufficient disposable income to support local businesses. Policies that reduce that capacity tend to contract, rather than grow, Main Street activity.

State data show the median income for a Missouri worker is approximately \$65,400 per year, and 83% of Missouri’s 115 counties fall below that threshold. Estimates suggest that, for most households in those counties, these proposals would result in a net annual tax increase of roughly \$535. When families pay more at the register for groceries, household supplies, and basic services, that money is no longer circulating through local economies.

Missouri’s current tax structure already places a disproportionate burden on lower-income residents. A Missourian earning \$20,000 annually pays close to 10% of their income in state and local taxes, while someone earning \$1.7 million pays under 6%. The proposed shift would widen this gap—delivering substantial tax reductions to top earners while increasing costs for the workforce that keeps our

communities running.

Timing also matters. Missouri households and employers are still stabilizing after years of elevated inflation. Housing costs have increased nearly 7% in the past year alone, following significant gains over the previous three years. Rents in workforce hubs have followed similar patterns. While wages have risen in some sectors, they have not consistently kept pace with these costs. A broad sales tax increase on essential goods and services at this moment effectively functions as a pay cut—eroding recent wage gains and dampening consumer demand.

Finally, there are significant fiscal considerations. The income tax currently accounts for nearly two-thirds of Missouri's General Revenue. Eliminating it without a fully reliable replacement creates an estimated \$5 billion structural deficit. These dollars support core functions Missourians rely on—public safety, transportation, education, child welfare, and workforce infrastructure. This is not an abstract budget concern; it is a kitchen-table issue for families and employers alike.

For these reasons, and with respect for the complexity of the issues before you, CHCM urges the Committee to vote NO on HJR 173 and HJR 174.

We remain committed to constructive dialogue and to working with policymakers from all perspectives to advance solutions that strengthen Missouri's economy while protecting the health and stability of its people.

Respectfully,

Riisa Rawlins
Chief Executive Officer
Community Health Commission of Missouri



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I'm against replacing income tax with higher sales tax.



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VOTE NO on HJR 173 & 174

The state of MO cannot afford the state income tax!!

“We are facing the first deficit in our history this year. And it’s because we’ve lost this year 25 percent of our federal funding compared to last year.”

—Donald Danforth Plant Science Center president Giles Oldroyd, speaking on The 314 Podcast on the new financial realities under the second Trump administration.



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This bill is only intended to benefit the very rich. Working folks like myself will end up paying more in other taxes than we would have had we just paid income tax. I urge you to VOTE NO on HJR 173.



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This is a regressive tax. It will hurt low wage earners more than the wealthy who already received a tax reduction via their taxless capital gains.



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Governments, State, Local, and Federal, need to tax revenue streams in order to be able to adapt to future unexpected changes in the economy. When a government relies on just one or a few streams of revenue, (aka: puts all their eggs into one basket) the government is at extreme risk of collapse if something happens to that single source of revenue. Secondly, the people prefer to pay taxes to have roads, schools, police forces, a legal/judicial system, and most of the government services upon which our society depends. A progressive Income Tax system is the fairest solution to provide for people in the state of Missouri.



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I believe that funding the state through sales taxes is regressive and unfair. Why would we want to place tax burdens on homeless people?



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I am in opposition to both 173 and 174 bills. Missouri has the same problem Kansas had in 2012 when they tried this same attempt to provide more money for wealthy families at the expense of poor families - we do not have enough people in the rural areas to afford the elimination of the state income tax. Raising sales and service taxes on everything (and despite what the governor says, this bill as is states everything) will increase my overall taxes, not diminish them. Most people will be better off staying with the way things are. Inflation is still high, and will only continue to increase with tariffs in place - you know that is true - and now you want to increase my state taxes and local taxes to over 16% and 18%? The way to heaven is not by catering to the wealthy.



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I respectfully urge you to oppose HJR 173 and HJR 174. Eliminating Missouri's income tax would remove roughly \$8.7 billion from our general revenue budget — the core funding that keeps schools open, roads maintained, and public safety operating. No sales-tax expansion can replace that without shifting the burden onto the very Missourians who can least afford it.

This is not a theoretical concern. Sales taxes take a larger share of income from working families because they must spend nearly everything they earn on basic needs. High-income households, by contrast, save and invest more of their income, meaning a sales-tax-only system captures a much smaller share of their resources.

Expanding the sales tax to services makes this imbalance even sharper. Childcare, car repairs, home maintenance, and other unavoidable expenses would all become more expensive. These are not optional purchases for working people; they are the costs of daily life. When those costs rise, the impact is immediate and painful.

Replacing the income tax with higher and broader sales taxes does not reduce the tax burden — it moves it. It moves it away from the wealthiest Missourians and onto the people who already spend the highest share of their income just trying to get by.

For these reasons, I ask the Committee to reject HJR 173 and HJR 174.



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this action would cause my quality of life to go down. as an retiree and a veteran I would be severely affected in an negative way



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Elimination of the state income tax would cause a shortfall that could only be filled with a more regressive tax structure, disproportionately harming the people who can least afford it. This was tried in Kansas and caused a dangerous deficit.



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Please vote no on eliminating Mo income taxes. I want my tax dollars to go to supporting SCHOOLS and infrastructure. I don't want lower income folks to have a higher tax burden. I do NOT want sales tax to increase. I do want the wealth gap addressed. Make large businesses pay their fair share.



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The majority of the state general revenue comes from income taxes. Without it other forms of taxes that disproportionately fall to those with lesser means will be imposed. This means that they will be taxing things that all of us need. It will amount to a huge tax cut for wealthy people. They save thousands while working families pay the price. I honestly don't know how my children will manage in this world. Last year, capital gains cuts were passed by Republicans, and they had a negative impact that was not anticipated. Specifically, revenue was nearly \$400, million short. How do we trust that these same people are planning something reasonable. Look at other states that have tried to do this. Look at Kansas, they are right across the border. They nearly went bankrupt with this kind of foolishness. I for one do not mind paying income taxes to support critical services like Rhodes, bridges and education. It's foolish to put the state at this kind of risk.



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The American Federation of Teachers of Missouri oppose this legislation without clear funding established to meet the constitutional requirements to fund public education.



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I do not support removing income tax. This will mainly help the rich and then punish the poor. It has not been working out. We will have to raise property tax and cut services to make up for it. i want my taxes to go to helping people. i want great transit infrastructure. This does not help that.



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Missouri's individual income tax generates \$8.7 billion*, 66% of the state's general revenue. Without those funds, other taxes such as general sales tax, will have to increase causing the costs of goods and services to skyrocket.

As someone on a fixed income, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact me. I am already on a tight budget and if I am asked to pay additional tax when I get my hair cut, or my car repaired, I just don't see how I can manage. Please consider the impact on Missouri's seniors and vote NO on HJR174.



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I do not support eliminating Missouri Income tax. Worst idea ever.



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MO needs revenue to fund public,schools, roads the list is long. This bill would ease taxes for wealthy while taxing poor people



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I am a senior citizen and retired public school teacher. My husband is a retired state employee. We are very worried that eliminating income taxes will make it necessary to raise sales taxes and property taxes on our home. That money will have to come from somewhere. Seniors mostly have less income that is fixed and use it for buying food and other necessities as well as paying ever increasing property taxes. Cutting out income tax would not help us if we will have to pay more in other taxes. It would also not help our granddaughter who spends every penny she earns just to pay the rent and buy food if those costs go up to make up for the state's loss of income tax revenue. This plan does not make sense for most Missourians.



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This stands to hurt lower income individuals far greater than wealthy individuals. A family of four, regardless of income, needs to clothe, feed, and provide shelter and care down the family. The cost of these necessities may be the same no matter the income level of the families. But that cost will be a much higher percentage of a lower income family's income and a MUCH lower percentage of the wealthy family's income. Completely unfair. And where does that high sales tax stop? Will we be see huge increases on our medical visits? Daycare?

GOP, try listening for once to your constituents and grow a backbone. You serve us, not your party. You should live by the rule of principles over party, not the other way around.



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I am opposed to changes to Missouri's income tax because of the impact this would have on our public schools. I'm a proud product of Missouri public schools, but now that I'm a parent, I'm discouraged that the governor would propose not fully funding the foundation formula for public schools -- and that's before eliminating the income tax! It seems irresponsible to propose this when we're already facing a budget imbalance. Public Schools are an investment in Missouri's future. If you would rather cut taxes in a way that only benefits the wealthy, you're telling regular Missourians that you don't care about them or their kids.



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Missouri is never going to be like Florida. EVER. Thinking this will attract in-migration of either people or businesses is nuts. INVEST in our communities, our cities, our educational systems, our infrastructure, and then we might have a chance. But eliminating income tax won't it. Another GOP stunt that will erode Missouri. But you guys are good at that, aren't you?



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House Joint Resolution 173 is not tax reform — it is a constitutional sleight of hand that permanently shifts Missouri’s tax burden downward onto working people, renters, and small businesses while tying the hands of future voters and legislatures.

First, this resolution locks the elimination of the individual income tax into the Missouri Constitution, not by voter choice year-to-year, but by triggering mechanisms controlled by statute. Once the rate drops below 1.4%, the Constitution itself forbids Missouri from ever enacting an individual income tax again. That is not fiscal prudence — that is constitutional foreclosure.

Second, HJR 173 explicitly authorizes the expansion of sales and use taxes to “any goods and services” for the stated purpose of eliminating the income tax. Sales taxes are inherently regressive, violating the spirit of equal protection under Article I, §2 of the Missouri Constitution and undermining the promise that taxation be fair and proportionate. Missourians who spend most of what they earn will pay more — not less.

Third, this resolution forces political subdivisions to offset new sales-tax revenue by cutting rates or levies elsewhere, including property and earnings taxes, regardless of local needs. That is a direct assault on local control, contradicting the principles embedded throughout Article VI of the Missouri Constitution and threatening school funding, emergency services, and infrastructure — especially in rural counties.

Fourth, HJR 173 uses the Constitution to exempt future tax legislation from existing revenue-growth limits and voter safeguards, bypassing protections voters approved in Article X (the Hancock Amendment). Voters were promised guardrails. This resolution dismantles them when convenient.

And finally — and most critically — this amendment transfers taxing power upward while shifting tax burden downward, insulating wealth from contribution while monetizing everyday life. That is not conservative governance. That is not populism. That is not constitutional stewardship.

Missouri’s Constitution is not a sandbox for ideological experiments or permanent tax bans that future generations cannot undo.

If the income tax is to be eliminated, Missourians deserve transparent legislation, honest accounting, and the right to change course — not a locked door written into our highest law.

For these reasons, I strongly urge a NO vote on House Joint Resolution 173.

Starting the day the Missouri Legislature way, I see.

-Rev. Sarah M. Berry



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This is just more tax cuts for the rich and sticking it to the working class and the poor which data proves pay more sales tax. In addition, given income tax makes up two-thirds of Missouri's revenue, even increased sales tax is not going to fill the gap. Stop cutting taxes for the rich and start governing the state with the best interest of everyday Missourians.



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As a Missouri resident, I'm already feeling the stress of increased prices at retail and with housing--I cannot afford to take on more costs. Our state already struggles to fund programs that benefit the under resourced communities, so adding a multi-billion dollar gap in this shift that hurts working people makes no sense. Please consider the bulk of your constituents instead of the wealthy few.



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This hurts the working people of Missouri.



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I strongly oppose these charges to Missouri tax law. These proposals are regressive and place a greater proportion of the burden on lower income residents who must spend a greater proportion of their income on necessary goods and services. We need state funding to ensure state amenities such as well maintained roads and bridges, well managed and protected nature areas, well funded schools, etc. In addition, as a small business relying on direct sales, increaaing sales tax will supress spending on non-essentials and impact my and fellow small business' ability to earn an income and contribute to the economic success of our state (I am an artist and the arts are a bigger economic driver in St Louis than any other sector).



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Eliminating the state income tax means RAISING TAXES on sales and services. This is inherently regressive and raises costs for Missouri independent business owners who must charge more for their services. THIS is a BAD IDEA benefiting only billionaires. STOP cutting taxes on billionaires and raising them on everyone else!



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Dear Members of the House Commerce Committee,
My name is Sarah Helm and I am a resident of Lake St Louis, Missouri . I am writing today to express my strong opposition to both HJR 173 and HJR 174, which would impose additional taxes in every day items for Missourians.
This legislation would increase taxes on all residents and cause hardship for low-income and working families. This legislation would cause working people to have to pay MORE for everyday goods and services they depend on to survive and live including rent, child care, automobile services, and home repairs.

For these reasons, I urge this committee to vote "NO" on HJR 173 and HJR 174 Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely, Sarah Helm 314-239-9965
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1. No on HJR 173. Saying yes would raise the cost of living particularly on fixed income residents.



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This is classist and practically highway robbery. Missourians need access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation, roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families. This tax scheme would add an additional \$5 BILLION dollar hole in the State's budget, and it's working Missouri families that will feel the consequences. The lobbyists in favor of these bills are opposed to the will of Missouri citizens. We deserve better from our representatives. No taxation without representation.



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Swapping income taxes with sales taxes will disproportionately benefits the wealthy. Please start working FOR your constituents and not against them. This will destroy our start. This is the dumbest thing you could do. And your reasoning is unfounded. Please educate yourself and stop bowing to the rich. Stand up on the right side of things for once!!!



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This is a totally unfair effort to save millionaires' money and will be a detriment to average and low income taxpayers. Don't do this to us.



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I am writing as a parent of 2 kids in the KCMO school district - I am a taxpayer and have lived in Kansas City for over 20 years. We love KCMO and chose to live and raise our family here trusting that our school districts would only get better.

I oppose this proposal because it furthers the divide between the very wealthy and the rest of us. Please work with us, not against us, our children need more investment in their schools, reducing their funding in any way is not the right thing to do.

These proposals would raise taxes overall for most working people in Missouri, while further lining the pockets of wealthy elites AND cut even more funding from our public schools and services we all rely on.



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Phasing out the income tax would hurt Missourians more than they are already hurting. Basic public services are already hard to obtain. This will make it harder for Missourians to pay for basic necessities. Please consider those of us who make less than 100k a year. You already messed with the estate tax which has put us in a deficit, why would this be any better? Who do you work for, the rich or your constituents?



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Please leave the state income tax alone. Sales/use taxes are incredibly regressive, and poor people are struggling far more than they should be already. If you're concerned about revenue, try reinstating the corporate taxes you cut in 2020 and 2024, and the capital gains tax you eliminated in 2025.



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I am so sad that you all continue to push bills that hurt working people. Income tax is fair. But the death by a thousand papercuts, isn't. That is what raising sales taxes will do. I do not accept that you can change our tax laws without being able to hold a vote either.

This is going to blow a huge hole in our state's budget and it's going to cost hard-working Missourians. Please do not support either of these bills.



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State income tax was 65% of Missouri's income last year and generated over \$13 Billion. To remove the income tax, you would gut almost every public service the state offers. The provision allowing new taxes on sales and use does not establish a replacement of any kind. It is a promise to find a replacement at some point in the future. Other states that do not have income taxes are paying people to live there (like Alaska) or taxing natural resources (like Texas). We don't have that here.

As a resident of Saint Louis City, we take a lot of pride in our free zoo and museums all through forest park. Public funding and taxes can be used for things that improve people's lives, and give communities pride. If our tax dollars are being wasted or misused, then don't cut them, fix the problem. Use them correctly. You all decide how are money get's spent, so figure out how to spend it better, but don't just cut billions of dollars from the state economy and lay off thousands of employees.



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I am in opposition because 65% of Missouri's general revenue comes from income taxes. Eliminating this will blow a \$5 billion dollar hole in our budget and require the raising of other taxes. These other taxes will be such that the poorest pay more than they currently pay while receiving less services. The only winners here are the ultra wealthy. This is bad for Missouri as a state and bad for Missouri and as a whole!



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Eliminating the income tax will create a budget imbalance that will adversely affect services the residents of Missouri rely on, and it is clear the shortfall plans to be addressed by raising taxes on hardworking Missouri residents through an increase in sales tax and imposing a tax on services that have traditionally been untaxed. This will create undue hardships across the state, and there is historical precedent, as in Kansas, that abolishing the income tax is fiscally irresponsible. I strongly oppose the measures proposed in this joint resolution, and request that it be rejected and the ideas within be laid to rest permanently.



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I oppose this bill because it will have a direct negative impact on working families in Missouri. Our budget has already been imbalanced and ineffective, so removing a key way to get revenue without a strategy that doesn't put the responsibility onto Missouri citizens is irresponsible. Kansas tried a similar strategy and it failed - we should learn from that and this bill should not move forward



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Eliminating the income tax will wipe out nearly 2/3 of the state general revenue budget and increase the Missouri deficit. It hurts lower- and middle-income families by raising taxes on those who can least afford it while giving massive tax breaks to the wealthiest. Combined with earmarked and local sales taxes, the average Missourian would pay nearly 17% in sales taxes on every purchase – with Missourians in the highest tax areas paying closer to 19%.



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Missouri is already struggling to adequately finance public education and other essential services. Eliminating state income taxes would lead to an even more regressive tax system than we already have and would reduce general revenues necessary for our government to function as it should. This push to eliminate income tax seems based more on political ideology than on sound fiscal planning. HJR 173 should not advance.



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Things are already too expensive and as the only person able to work, my family will be priced out of living. That sounds excessive but we are barely making it right now. I doubt all the revenue will be able to be gathered and we just can't afford more.



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Income tax is Missouri's primary source of funding and cannot be replaced by increased sales and property taxes which affect lower and middle income residents more than those who are wealthier. I value the services the State provides to its citizens and am glad to pay my fair share. Prior legislation such as eliminating the capital gains tax only benefits those of us who have stocks. For many Missourians, the increase in sales and other taxes will be more of a burden than the income tax. I urge you to vote NO



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Eliminating the state income tax is a deliberate policy choice by the Republican supermajority, and it will be paid for by working-class Missourians.

Time and time again, Republican legislators have voted against the will and the well-being of Missouri voters: eliminating capital gains taxes that primarily benefit the wealthy, restricting access to abortion healthcare, overturning voter-approved paid sick leave, diverting funding from public schools by school voucher programs, and undermining one person, one vote through gerrymandered maps. These policies consistently favor those with wealth and political power while shifting costs onto everyone else.

The elimination of the state income tax is no different. No matter how it is framed, the reality is simple: the revenue will be replaced through higher and expanded sales taxes. That means working people will pay more every day: when we buy gas, when we pay rent, when we take our pets to the vet, when we purchase basic necessities. Wealthy Missourians will save thousands. Working families will not.

I am a single mother and have been a homeowner for over a decade. I am making the most money I have ever made in my life, and there is still no breathing room. Every year, costs rise and there is less left at the end of the month. If I had to pay rent prices, I literally would not be able to support my family. This is the lived reality for many Missourians, and policies like this will make it worse.

Last Wednesday, I drove a five-hour round trip to meet with my Senator, Curtis Trent. While he was unavailable, his Chief of Staff told me—when I asked why the Senator voted to eliminate paid sick leave—that “it’s better than having no job at all.” That statement reflects exactly what is wrong with these policies: working Missourians are expected to accept fewer protections, fewer benefits, and higher costs, while those at the top are asked to contribute less.

If working people are expected to carry more of the burden, the least this legislature can do is ensure the tax system is fair. HJR 174 does the opposite.

I strongly oppose HJR 174. This proposal reflects a deep disconnect from the financial reality facing working families across Missouri, and it is being advanced solely by Republican leadership. Missourians deserve better.



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Ask Kansas how this worked for them. Repealing income tax and replacing it with sales tax would be a complete disaster.



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Stop giving tax cuts to the rich while making it harder for working people to make ends meat. Do your job and represent ALL the people. Stop putting our state in last place amongst the states!



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. Eliminating the income tax will leave a \$8.7 billion gap in our general revenue budget. Working people will be left to pay the price for this crazy tax cut - that only benefits the richest Missourians. Everyday services like childcare, rent, and home and auto repairs go up – hurting working-class families the most, because we already spend more of our income just trying to get by day to day.



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I oppose eliminating personal income tax on MO because it will cause undue harm on our state's most vulnerable citizens including senior citizens in fixed incomes. Income tax is the state's largest source of revenue and will mean there is far less than what we need for infrastructure, services, and schools. This tax scheme did not work for your neighbors in KS. Please don't virtually bankrupt us like their legislators and Gov Brownback did.



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The State needs income tax to support our infrastructure. Eliminating income tax weakens our systems and causes the need for exorbitant sales tax on items people already struggle to afford



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Current bills to eliminate the income tax are ill-advised and do not contain specific ideas to make up the massive amount of lost revenue that Missourians will face. Eliminating the income tax will blow a massive hole in the state budget and force increased and expanded sales taxes and local taxes on Missouri residents. Most of us will lose out by this bill, and the blame will land squarely on the legislators and party that support it.



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I live in Kansas City and witnessed first hand the devastating impact of this type tax policy when Dam Brownback did the same thing to my neighbors in Kansas. They shifted the tax burden from my wealthy neighbors in Mission Hills to the middle and working class in Prairie Village, Kansas City Kansas, and beyond. Within two years, this policy had driven sales taxes in some areas of PV to 18%, while slashing the income tax rate in the wealthy areas of JoCo--the devastation was so bad that even those *benefitting* from the tax cuts were voting for representatives and a governor to reverse them. This should serve as a warning to Republicans who are about to make the same mistake: This tax policy is almost solely responsible for turning a deep red area into a durably blue area, even ten years later. The disinvestment in public schools and services dramatically impacted economic growth because spending that would normally feed into the local economy was scraped up in regressive sales taxes. I'm actually flabbergasted that Mike Kehoe thinks that he is not about to destroy small Missouri communities when the test case for this policy is literally right next door. Most of you who vote for this will lose your jobs.



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We will end up paying more for every single item we buy anywhere in the State of MO. This will be a tremendous hardship on seniors on fixed incomes. Local taxes are already too high in stores. I paid State taxes my entire life; now it's "their" turn. Working people should pay State taxes so we get the services we need. Eliminating State taxes is a bad idea.



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This misguided scheme could cut state general revenues by half and threaten the continued operation of the state government.



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Not only would this tax cut create a huge loss in revenue to cover Missouri's services, but would benefit the wealthy off the backs of those who are already struggling to make ends meet.



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Eliminating state income tax and replacing it with increased sales taxes will put an undue burden on a huge portion of our citizens, myself included. I'm retired and have paid my share of taxes my entire adult life. I've watched our state government continue to diminish the quality of life for its citizens by eroding state services, education funding, and oversight of health services in the state, all in the service of reducing income and corporate taxes. It has been a failure. Keep the state income tax. Use that money to provide services to your citizens.



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In order for Missouri to replace the lost funds from eliminating the income tax, the general sales tax rate will likely increase greatly and this will affect everyday Missourians buying food, paying for services, and caring for their homes! Kansas



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Phasing out the income tax would only enrich the rich and hurt the vulnerable by raising taxes on good and service.

It looks like our budget is already underfunded and intends to cut necessary services.



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**Income tax is the fairest tax. We should keep this provision for income tax in our constitution.
Eliminating income tax would benefit the rich, who need to pay more, not less. Middle income earners
have been paying their fair share. Now we should demand the same from the high income earners.**



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I am opposed to removing Missouri Income Tax because it will adversely affect lower income and working families through requiring taxation that targets them. I ask representatives to vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: SUZANNE HUME		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CLEANEARTH4KIDS.ORG		TITLE: EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR & FOUNDER	
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CleanEarth4Kids.org strongly opposes the proposal to eliminate state income tax. Income tax is Missouri's primary revenue source, and increasing sales taxes will not only be insufficient to replace the funding, but it will also unfairly harm the working class, who are already struggling to pay rent and buy food. This is a regressive tax that will cause suffering by increasing homelessness and hunger across the state, just so the wealthy can have more money.



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Eliminating income taxes will hurt the economy of Missouri. However, having either equal percentage income tax for everyone, or lower taxes for those who are minimum wage without benefits and then gradual incremental increases for those with higher incomes would really make Missouri a kinder state to work and live in.



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Missouri's wealthiest families will be saving thousands while working people will be forced to pay more.



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Missouri does not need sky-high regressive sales taxes. We need to go to progressive tax systems that require the wealthy to pay their fair share while giving poor citizens a fair shake and middle-class citizens a little breathing room.



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As a parent of young children and an employee at a public university, I am concerned about the proposal to eliminate Missouri's income tax and rely more heavily on sales taxes.

My family depends on public schools, safe infrastructure, and affordable childcare. My job depends on stable state funding that allows universities to educate students and serve our communities. Sales taxes fall hardest on families who spend most of what they earn on necessities, and that is especially true for families with small children.

I worry that shifting to a more volatile tax system will make it harder to fund schools, universities, and local services over time. Strong families and a strong economy depend on reliable public investment, and this proposal puts that at risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Eliminating 2/3 of the Missouri budget by eliminating income tax seems impossible to me. This would cause skyrocketing sales, tax, property tax, and increased use taxes for things like energy gasoline medical potential medical bills, rental income. We need more information before this should be on the ballot. Not to mention this would cause low income earners to spend a larger portion of their income on taxes than they are currently required through income taxes. Other states that have eliminated income taxes have tourism to fall back on and their property taxes are much higher than Missouri.



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I oppose the Governor and legislature's attempt to end Missouri income tax revenue. It makes no sense to the majority of Missourians, perhaps because the majority of Missourians' incomes are not in the top 5%. Stop hurting Missouri and start focusing on ways to help all Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME: THE REV. DR. TERESA DANIELEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose the proposed legislation to slash two thirds of Missouri’s general revenue budget. Missouri’s individual income tax generates \$8.7 billion, 66% of the state’s general revenue. Without those funds, other taxes such as general sales tax, will have to increase causing the costs of goods and services to skyrocket.

Sales tax will drastically increase. In order for Missouri to replace the lost funds from eliminating the income tax, the general sales tax rate will likely now apply to the services Missourians rely on every day like rent or car repairs.

This would be a massive tax cut for the richest Missourians. By replacing income tax with an expanded sales tax, Missouri’s wealthiest families will be saving thousands while working people will be forced to pay more.

Their last tax cut for the wealthy was underestimated by close to \$400 million. In 2025, the legislature passed a cut on capital gains taxes with no method of recouping the lost revenue. The Republican supermajority estimated in April the state would lose about \$160 million due to the cut. However, now the loss is expected to be about \$500 million. Why should Missourians be expected to trust Republicans’ math this time?

As a parent, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can’t continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference. It’s just not right.



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I am writing as a constituent to urge the House Commerce Committee to vote No on HJR 173 and HJR 174, because , without a state income tax other taxes, such as sales taxes, will increase resulting in rapid costs for services that Missourians rely on like rent, car repairs and even pet grooming. This is a massive tax cu that will benefit the richest Missourians, and ordinary families will be forced to pay even more for daily services. In 2025, there was a cut on capital gains taxes that resulted in Missouri losing approximately \$500 million in income. This lost income has not been replaced. The State of Kansas cut state income taxes that resulted in that state losing millions of dollars and spending cuts to education and infrastructure. Shifting taxes from the richest Missourians will become a burden to families that is not sustainable financially, and will lead to even more people fleeing this state. I am a retire, senior homeowner living on a fixed income, and I am already over burdened with annual raising property taxes on both my home and auto. I will not be able to manage these increases, and will definitely be moving out of Missouri. Please consider the impact of Missouri's seniors and vote NO on both of these bills.



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I strongly oppose the elimination of the Missouri income tax. It will disproportionately benefit the wealthy. I oppose this bill on 2 main points:

1. The state revenue will need to be recouped in other ways, including an increase in the state sales tax. This will push the burden on the poor of the state. I work with the poor in my neighborhood. They already struggle to pay for food, rent and utilities. Another unintended consequence will be that people in border towns will go out of state for large purchases like automobiles hurting local dealers.
2. There will be a reduction in services for the poor and disabled. I have a special needs son that is dependent on programs partially funded by the state.



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I am extremely concerned about the proposition of eliminating the Missouri income tax. This will leave an \$8.7 billion gap in our general revenue budget! The only way this can be made up is on the backs of the working class and elderly. The cost of all goods and services will increase, and/or our basic government services will need elimination. This is not a common sense action and will be bad for Missouri.
Please reject this bill.



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I oppose this bill. Eliminating income tax does not help middle class and working families. The money still has to come from somewhere and it will probably be sales taxes and property taxes. We need taxes to run our state. We've already lost money due to the stupid capital gains tax cancellation last year. Stop helping your wealthy donors!



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If passed this would significantly affect lower and middle class Missourians in a negative way while putting more money in the pockets of higher income earners. As a parent, I am very concerned about how eliminating the state income tax could impact my family. Eliminating the income tax helps the wealthiest in the state, but it hurts families like mine. Rising prices mean we are already on a tight budget. Paying sales tax on services like rent, car repairs and hair cuts will make it nearly impossible to make ends meet. I urge you to reject HJR174. We can't continue to give massive tax cuts for the richest Missourians and expect working families to make up the difference.



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Eliminating the state income tax is a terrible idea. Shifting the bulk of the tax burden to sales tax is regressive, disproportionately effecting lower income people who are already struggling just to get by.



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Bad for our state



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To build a strong economy, Missouri needs access to health care, quality schools, safe and reliable transportation roads and bridges, and strong communities. This tax scheme would starve our state of the resources needed to invest in our families.



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As someone who has been active in community services for well over six years, I have seen the harm that underfunded government services and programs do to our neighbors across Missouri. Income tax makes up a majority of Missouri's budget - and to take away 60% of funding will leave the state largely incapable of delivering vital services to Missourians. This will not make our state safer, healthier, or more prosperous.

To pass off future expenses through increasing sales tax is not an effective way to reform our tax system - and this will disproportionately negatively impact working families, many of which are surviving solely through a combination of hard work and supportive government services.

I oppose this bill, and it does not reflect the Will of The People. Tax the rich, not hard working Missourians.



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Eliminating the income tax is n Missouri at this time is not fiscally responsible. We have already lost huge numbers of tourist dollars and if we shift that burden to sales tax that number will increase as businesses choose to hold their events elsewhere.



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I oppose this legislation because it disproportionately impacts people with lower incomes who would pay more for everything. It also hurts the businesses that rely on their purchases. For instance, someone, like me, who budgets a certain amount for groceries every month, would need to increase that food budget. The extra money does not magically appear, so it means I need to pull it from some other area in my life or go without something, perhaps something necessary. In turn, the businesses that formerly received my money, now used for groceries, would need to cut their budgets because they would now receive less income from their customers. I can only imagine how an increase in sales tax would decimate both new and used car sales. In contrast, people with more income get a big tax break by eliminating their income tax. Additionally, sales tax revenue is unlikely to make up for the lost income tax, so our roads and bridges, already in dire need of repair, would become more and more unsafe. Other areas of government spending that support Missouri's quality of life would also need to be cut, perhaps like programs that help rural communities stay afloat or programs that help make Missouri attractive to tourist dollars. So, the whole proposition sets in motion a chain of events that decreases the quality of life for Missouri constituents, makes roads less safe, makes it less attractive for new businesses to come into the state, perhaps drives some businesses to close their doors and decreases tourist spending. All of these defects incurred so that a few people can increase their bank accounts does not seem like a good trade-off to me. Kansas tried this same approach and had to abandon it. We should learn from the mistakes of our neighbors.



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I oppose this legislation as it is only going to cost everyday Missourians MORE. We need a strong economy. We cannot do that without taxes



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Eliminating Missouri's income tax will bankrupt the state and will erode affordability in the state. How is a sales tax not a double tax, when I pay income tax to the Federal Government based on my gross income. Missouri's tax law already saves wealthy folks millions of dollars. I know because I was my mother's personal representative and I made tax payments on behalf of the estate. My mother's estate tax bill for Missouri was \$0.00. While we paid several million dollars to the Federal Government. This is just one example of how the wealthy avoid paying taxes to Missouri. My parents believed it was important to fund education and they believed in paying their fair share in taxes to support the community, state and government we rely upon. I also believe that our local and state communities depend on income tax for general revenue and to support education, medicaid, mental health and senior services. Without these income tax to support services, we ALL will be a poorer society.



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I am an elderly person who is already struggling. I cannot afford any additional taxes. Everything is costing more, yet no one is providing extra income to afford the increases. Many people cannot afford additional increases. Please think about the people that elected you to your position. You are suppose to work and care about them.



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Eliminating Missouri income tax will only push the 8.7 billion shortfall into working Missourians and reward the rich. It will also push people out of the state if they can't afford everyday services, further hurting Missouri's standing in the states and further damaging the state's economy. Kansas tried to do this under Governor Sam Brownback, it failed...badly. Kansas is still recovering under the new governor's leadership. I refuse to stand by while legislators prioritize wealthy special interests and leave Missouri families behind.



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This plan to eliminate personal income tax is very flawed.

1. It will raise my costs on just about every thing I do by roughly 12%, which is much more than the small amount I pay in state income tax.
 2. Those of us living on tight budgets don't have that kind of extra money to pull out of thin air. People who are struggling even more than I am will be at a high risk of not being able to afford rent and food, increasing homelessness and other problems that go with that like crime.
 3. Kansas did this it bankrupt the state and it has taken the time to dig out.
- If you want to eliminate personal income tax find something that out of state people can pay so your constituents don't get hurt.



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I have paid income tax to the State of Missouri for over 50 years. These bills attempt to shift the tax burden from wealthy individuals to wage earners. Besides, the estimation of the revenue loss on the capital gains tax was so far off that it makes me seriously wonder if anyone can properly estimate the affect on revenue from this bill. I assume this bill is cast to meet the demands of very wealthy Missourians. This is morally wrong.



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?? Eliminating the income tax blows an \$8.7 billion hole in Missouri's budget. Working people will pay the price while the richest get the break. Costs for childcare, rent, and basic repairs will keep climbing - hitting working families hardest.



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Did we learn nothing from Brownback's Kansas experiment? Income taxes are the fairest way to tax state residents. Wealthy people can go to other states or even countries to purchase and thus can avoid tax on goods. This is lunacy!! Schools, libraries, and roads all depend on income tax revenue.



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WITNESS NAME: WENDY SCHROEDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose increasing sales and use taxes in order to eliminate the state income tax. I feel this will disproportionately benefit wealthy Missourians while increasing taxes for the lower and middle class and thus bill does not serve the majority of the people of Missouri.



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Eliminating the income tax will leave a \$8.7 billion gap in our general revenue budget. Working people will be left to pay the price for this crazy tax cut - that only benefits the richest Missourians. Everyday services like childcare, rent, and home and auto repairs go up – hurting working-class families the most, because we already spend more of our income just trying to get by day to day.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM M. FOGARTY, JR., MD		PHONE NUMBER:
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The transference of the obligation to support state functions from the richest to middle and low income citizens is wrong. Sales taxes are inherently regressive and will fall most heavily on low income citizens. Under this plan, low income people will pay more in taxes than they currently do and the wealthiest will pay significantly less.
Please put aside this misguided plan to phase out income taxes.



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WITNESS NAME: WINIFRED WRIGHT		PHONE NUMBER:
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Hello, my name is Winifred Wright and I am a resident of 64123. I am in opposition to HJR 173 regarding taxation. I urge you to reject this proposition. Eliminating the state tax will only serve to harm hard working folks like myself, by increasing the cost of daily necessities (which are already too expensive) through sales tax. Stop handing out tax cuts to the wealthiest and start taking care of the people you claim to represent.

Respectfully,
Winifred



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I refuse to have my income taxes removed, and refuse even moreso to give this Body the ability to raise taxes UNCHECKED and at will.

Our next-door neighbors already tried removing income tax to supplement with other taxes back in 2012 – the Kansas Experiment (read about it here https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kansas_experiment). It's one of the single largest policy failures in Kansas history, bankrupting the state so severely that they rescinded the policy in 2017. I refuse not to learn the lessons our neighbors taught us. It would bring an already collapsing house crumbling to its foundation on the heads of 6.3 million proud Missourians.

This Body — no Body — should have the capability to perform any action without check from the People. It's unthinkable and unconstitutional to permit unchecked power at any level of governance. I can only presume that the person submitting this bill believes themselves to be above the governance of the laws of this land and the accountability of their post – the kind of naked arrogance, we as civilized people, could only expect of the absolute worst of us. Do better.



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believe it is a mistake to replace income tax with sales tax revenue for the following reasons: Relying on sales tax will discourage spending and businesses near the state lines (KC, St Louis, Joplin, etc. will be hurt as consumers in those areas go across the line to other states to spend if sales tax is lower there; higher sales tax will increase the burden on lower income families, creating an unfair situation; increased sales tax will encourage black market or cash transactions to avoid paying the tax; exemptions to paying sales tax may allow some industries such as agriculture to avoid both sales tax and income tax and no industry should get a pass on paying for services we all enjoy; sales tax on services will discourage people from using those services to the detriment of those businesses; and, we have a tried and true system in place that has worked well for many years and we should think twice or three or four or more times before ending it. Thank you.



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These bills will hurt low income citizens & this lost revenue will have to be made up somewhere. MO is already paying inadequately paying our state workers and teachers and inadequately funding our public education. Vote NO on these two bills.



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WITNESS NAME: JAN FOSTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Before the removal of income taxes in exchange for a sales tax increase, I expect a full evaluation and justification be put before the citizens of Missouri. We are not an island and this change has enormous impacts on Missourians and on commerce between states.



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WITNESS NAME: JARED HANKINSON		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN COFFMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-6779	
REPRESENTING: CONSUMERS COUNCIL OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: KATIE GAMBLE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-4876	
REPRESENTING: MO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVE HOBBS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-4601
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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Support or opposition to these bills all depend on the details yet to come. If the State wants to change how it funds services, that is their business. If they also want to change the way local political subdivisions are funded, we must know the details before we take a position on this Legislation.