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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEFF CHAPPLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>636-379-5519</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN MAYFIELD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-325-7394</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHELLE SUMSTAD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-826-8813</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CITY OF INDEPENDENCE POLICE</b>		TITLE: <b>DEPUTY CHIEF</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MITCHELL EDWARD LANGFORD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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Though I have chosen to testify as an individual, my support for this legislation originates from my full time position as a municipal prosecutor. I have been a municipal prosecutor for 24 years come this June. I come from a large municipality. We file, roughly, an average of 25,000 new cases each year.

I have seen many changes in the municipal court system in my decades of service. Most of those changes have not been positive and a few of those changes have, in my opinion, made it more dangerous to drive on Missouri roads.

Specifically, and in reference to SB 1087, there is a lack of accountability for drivers who operate vehicles on our roads. What is the consequence if a defendant does not show up for a no insurance, or no license, or a moving violation with an accident, or a fleeing citation, or multiple other charges? A warrant? Eventually, yes, but here are hundreds of thousands of those already in existence. Anything else? Nope.

This bill would at least put additional pressure on individuals to appear in court. Maybe they are willing to take their chances with a warrant, but maybe, just maybe, they are not willing to have their license suspended, as well.

This bill is about accountability and responsibility and public safety. I urge our elected officials to support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PAT KELLY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-786-4747</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MUNICIPAL LEAGUE OF METRO ST. LOUIS</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>
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Currently, individuals who receive minor traffic violations often ignore the citation because municipal courts are limited in their ability to enforce compliance and cannot issue warrants in many of these cases. As a result, some violators simply fail to appear in court or pay their fines with little consequence. SB 1087 helps restore accountability by providing courts with practical tools to ensure violations are addressed. By allowing courts to require individuals to resolve their cases and apply appropriate enforcement measures when they do not, the bill helps ensure that minor traffic violations are taken seriously while still allowing judges to exercise reasonable discretion.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICHARD SHEETS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-9134</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>WILL MARRS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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**This is a step in the right direction that will correct unintended consequences of some elements of SB 5 particularly in the enforcement of minor traffic violations in municipalities.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. A.C. "HONEST ABE" DIENOFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-440-9000</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KORTNIE HUDDLESTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in opposition to Senate Bill 1087.

While this bill claims to streamline processes, it represents a significant step backward for both public safety and economic justice in Missouri. The bill creates two tiers of traffic enforcement that will inevitably punish low-income Missourians and those living in rural areas.

Section 302.341 creates a dangerous disparity in how traffic violations are handled. For standard moving violations, courts "shall" suspend licenses after thirty days of noncompliance. But for minor traffic violations, courts "may" suspend licenses only after two missed court dates. On its face, this seems like leniency for minor offenses. In practice, it creates a system where local prosecutors have unchecked discretion to decide which violations trigger an automatic suspension. This discretion will not be applied equally across all communities.

The consequences of license suspension are devastating. When a person loses their license, they often lose their job. When they lose their job, they cannot pay the fines that caused the suspension. This creates a debt trap that criminalizes poverty. People who cannot afford to pay tickets on time face an escalating cycle of fees, suspensions, and unemployment. This bill does nothing to address this fundamental injustice.

The expansion of limited driving privileges in Section 302.309 to include travel to "essential businesses" like grocery stores and hardware stores appears helpful, but it merely acknowledges the obvious: people need to drive for basic survival. Rather than expanding suspensions, we should be asking why we suspend licenses for inability to pay fines in the first place. Driving is a necessity, not a luxury, in most of Missouri where public transportation is inadequate or nonexistent.

The bill also maintains rigid eligibility requirements for those with prior alcohol-related offenses, requiring ignition interlock devices and photo identification technology. While public safety is important, we must acknowledge that addiction is a health issue, not just an enforcement issue. These requirements create additional financial barriers for people trying to rebuild their lives.

Missouri should be moving toward policies that keep people employed and able to meet their basic needs, not creating new mechanisms for license suspensions that push people further into poverty. We should consider alternatives like income-based fines, payment plans, and community service options that do not result in license suspension.

**I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 1087.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL DREYER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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