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**I think ALL state funded entities should be directed to report to legislators on how funds are to be used and NOT to be used**



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**I am in Full Support of this Bill and State Constitutional Amendment. We Need Full Accountability and Transparency of Both the Missouri Transportation Commission/Missouri Department of Transportation and the Missouri Conservation Commission/Missouri Department of Conservation. These Commissions are Way Out-of-Control and Need Oversight and Appropriation Approval. Power has Gotten to their Heads and they Treat the Public like "Second-Class Citizens!" Both of these Commissions NEED to Be Elected State-Wide and Accountable to the People of Missouri!**



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I fully support HJR 134. The phrase taxation without representation describes a populace that is required to pay taxes to a government authority without having any say in that government's policies. When America won our independence, the Framers of our government were wary of any system resembling the tyranny of a king. That meant placing the power to tax in the hands of the people's chamber, the House of Representatives, where every revenue bill must originate from. All government agencies should be held to this standard and be held accountable to the legislature and we the people!



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**Tax money should be distributed by elected representatives of the people, not by a court or an agent of some government employee.**



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**I believe all funding should be approved by the general assembly**



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**Please retain funding of MDC through the sales tax. This tax is the envy of other states.**



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Missouri is the Gold standard for conservation and this bill would effectively remove protection for the financing used by MDC to deliver conservation across the state. This is a poor idea. There are other places to trim the fat or provide oversight for better use of funds.. please leave this valuable funding the way it is and has been.





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It is important that Missouri's Conservation Commission remain a politically independent organization, with the sole power to make decisions regarding how and where revenue from the Conservation Sales Tax is spent. Missouri's independent and publicly funded model of conservation is the envy of the nation for a reason. Therefore, I am voicing my opposition to HJR 134 and any efforts to restrict or interfere with MDC's independence and/or to reallocate its funding.



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Keep the mdc budget in the hands of the scientists that know where to best spend the money as it is intended. MDC is the envy of the nation because it has the power to do what needs to be done and not what lobbyists and politicians want.



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Since at least 1976, Missouri has been the envy of other states for its publicly funded, politically independent model of conservation. In that year, Missourians voted in favor of a constitutional amendment to permanently tax ourselves in order to do our part to support the efforts of the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). Conservation Sales Tax generates more than \$100 million annually for the conservation of Missouri wildlife and their habitat, including the acquisition of new land. New bill (HJR 134), would allow lawmakers — not an independent commission operating based on science-based wildlife management principles and practices — to decide how and where revenue from the sales tax is spent. This bill takes self-taxed conservation moneys from conservation stakeholders and places into the hands of individuals who may not hold the same values of wildlife and land conservation. To continue to deliver on our conservation heritage, we must ensure that the Missouri Department of Conservation remains independent and able to operate to its full extent.



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Many who are familiar with the state of Missouri's conservation layout agree that it is one of the best. Not only is the department funded by tax money, but it is also independent from legislative bodies that are voted in by interest groups on both sides. Being independent from legislators means that the department can make decisions on what is best for the state based on scientific reasoning, not political reasoning. There are several states in which the conservation department has become politicized, and despite scientists giving evidence for a specific management method, due to political reasons the people in charge have decided against those methods. An example is wolves in Colorado. Citizens in Denver, Co had more of a say in state wolf management last year than the scientists who studied them. Despite a citizen never leaving the city, and having no knowledge about wolves other than what they see on tv, they were able to vote about its management because the authority was taken away from the experts and given to the citizens. Although this bill is about funding, it is just a step to the conservation department losing authority and limiting its ability to function for the sole focus of wildlife. The Commission should remain in charge of the budget since those funds were raised specifically for the Commission, not the political guidance of various legislators. Thank you for your time.



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I have worked professionally in the field of conservation for nearly 40 years. During that time, I also worked as a Research Analyst for the MO House of Representatives, and 22 years with MO Department of Conservation from where I retired. In the 1990s I served on then Governor Carnahan's Commission on Management and Productivity, so I know something about government accountability and oversight. I have studied, researched, and written about what is known as the MO Model of Conservation. I have made presentations to other state legislators and agencies about the MO Model. And so, I offer testimony here today not because of any loyalty to the Department, but instead because of my loyalty fish, forest, and wildlife conservation. I can tell you with absolute certainty, that the MO Model of Conservation, its authority, its funding, and its relative isolation from political will is critical to its success. It is what makes Missouri Conservation the best in the nation. On many occasions, I have personally given testimony to numerous other states wishing to be like Missouri, and gradually a couple of states, specifically Arkansas, Minnesota, and to some degree, Iowa would take the steps necessary to move in same direction. What we have in Missouri is a solution, not a problem that needs to be fixed. Through the initiative petition process, the people of Missouri created and approved the conservation sales tax. Over the last 40 years, this decision has proven to be wise and extraordinary. Furthermore, ultimately, the Department is accountable to the people of this state, and it is the right of the people to challenge the relevance of the Missouri Model and to question whether this model serves us well or should be replaced with another. Therefore, I strongly believe that the question of continuance of funding and its manner of being appropriated should be initiated only by the citizens and not by the legislature where motivations are guided by a desire to control the Department. There is no compelling reason to advance this legislation.



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I am not in favor of Missouri lawmakers to take control of MDC. It has operated great without the interference of legislature. This seems like a way to gain funds to be used elsewhere.



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Please leave conservation decisions in the hands of conservationists. The health of our public lands has been increased by science-based management. Few in the General Assembly are qualified to act as professionals in biology, botany, silviculture, or ecology - so let's leave those decisions to the experts.



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Let's keep this independent and in the hands of those experienced in conservation efforts. I'm proud this has been independent for so long.





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Hello Jered, thank you for your concern about the finances of MDC. MDC has one of the greatest track records in the history of the world managing and conserving wildlife. In doing this, the MDC has appropriated funds to proper concerns: people, access, wildlife pure scientific management. The scientific management has restored many animals: elk, whitetailed deer, wild turkeys, bobcats, otters, bears along with several other species. This system with the self imposed tax has fueled much success through MDC. Keep the finances and control of MDC to the 4, only four, commissioners. More people trying to make decisions make more problems! Thank you for your ear.



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As I read this bill it seeks to give the legislature, as opposed to the state's Conservation Commission, control of MDC's budget. For decades Missouri has been looked at as a national model of public support for conservation and stewardship of our public lands. It does not seem necessary to make any changes. Lets leave the Independent Commission in place.



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The Missouri Department of Conservation is recognized statewide and nationally as one the best at taking care of the state's wildlife and national resources. A vast majority of Missouri's citizens support Missouri Department of Conservation according to statewide polls. I am for letting the professionals take care of our natural resources. Therefore, I oppose HJR134. Politics should have a small role in managing Missouri wildlife and natural resource's.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>GREG OMER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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While support for the Conservation Sales Tax remains strong, this is not the first — and it will not be the last — attempt to restrict or interfere with MDC's independence and/or to reallocate its funding. To continue to deliver on our conservation heritage, we must ensure that the Missouri Department of Conservation remains independent and able to operate to its full extent.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>HOLLY NEILL</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-827-4864</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR- CONSERVATION POLICY</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1054 EAST SEMINOLE</b>			
CITY: <b>SPRINGFIELD</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65807</b>
EMAIL: <b>holly.neill@tnc.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/8/2022 9:46 AM</b>	
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The Nature Conservancy of Missouri opposes HJR 134. With its original passage, the citizens of Missouri voted to provide a dedicated sales tax as a way to maintain public trust of resources in a sustainable manner. For more than 80 years, the Missouri Department of Conservation has utilized revenue generated through the Conservation Sales Tax as promised in the original Design for Conservation. This revenue constitutes 61% of the Missouri Department of Conservation's Budget budget. For every \$8 spent on taxable items, a mere one penny goes to conservation. In relation to the State of Missouri Operating Budget Conservation receives 0.6%, or less than 1% of the total state budget and receives NO state general revenue. A survey conducted by the University of Missouri showed citizens support and trust of the Department and it's mission: • 95% of Missourians are interested in Missouri's forests, fish and wildlife, and • 76% of adult Missourians agree that "The Missouri Department of Conservation is a name I can trust." The minimal size of the Missouri Department of Conservation Budget relative to the State Operating Budget of Missouri, in addition to the fact the Department receives NO state general revenue, paired with the fact this dedicated sales tax was voted on and approved by the citizens of Missouri does not provide reasonable cause for general assembly budgetary control. Additionally, continued public opinion/survey results showcase the high majority of citizens support and trust conservation efforts (fish, forest, wildlife management) of the Missouri Department of Conservation which further bolsters the argument against the proposed HJR 134 legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JARRETT WHISTANCE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a Missouri citizen who enjoys regularly hunting, fishing and participating in other outdoor recreation in our state, I want to voice my opposition to HJR 134. Missouri's conservation model is the envy of other states because the independent conservation commission is given the freedom to operate according to science-based wildlife management principles and practices and free from the political whims of the legislature. Let's continue to be the envy of other states by keeping our current conservation model intact...





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN KIRKENDOLL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Missouri has the Nations best conservation department because the biologist and scientist make the hard decisions to ensure our plants and wildlife are available for us now and for future generations. Leave these decisions to the experts and not to popular ideas and a vote.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN FORBES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I believe that facts and science. Should be behind where, why, and how the budget is allocated.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MATTHEW R BRAND</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Lawmakers should not be interfering with where and how this revenue should be spent. It should remain in the hands of the independent Conservation Commission. Wildlife biologists have the knowledge and science based opinions to make proper decisions, not legislators. Please do not pass this initiative. We are the envy of all other state's wildlife departments for a reason.



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL BERG</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-456-1954</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>SIERRA CLUB MISSOURI CHAPTER</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>2818 SUTTON BLVD.</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63143</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL MARZUCO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHELE RISDAL-BARNES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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MDC is an excellent science-based steward of Missouri's natural resources. HJR 134 would change this by placing our state's conservation under the influence of political whim instead of science. Please do not move forward with the proposed change to the Constitution. MDC is a national model for conservation. It works well and does not need to change.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NANCY YLVISAKER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>nancyjylvisaker@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/8/2022 10:55 AM</b>
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HJR 134 would end the many decades of science-based conservation decision making in Missouri. Transferring financial control over MDC from the Conservation Commission, to the Legislature, injects politics into the decision making process. The original decision making structure was set up precisely to avoid conservation decisions becoming political. Why would we adjust the original, clear intent of keeping conservation appropriations approval separate from a political process? I oppose HJR 134. Nancy Ylvisaker



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHAN WALL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**i strongly encourage you not to support this new bill. it will undo all of our hard work to conserve our beautiful state**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>PATRICK MCKENNA</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-751-4622</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION</b>		TITLE: <b>DIRECTOR - MODOT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>105 W. CAPITOL AVE.</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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**This legislation has the potential, if passed, to politicize transportation investments.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>R. L. BENNETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-840-3949</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION</b>		TITLE: <b>CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RONALD J NIECE III</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>Budget for MDC should remain controlled by independent non-partisan entity.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEPHEN W MCMILLAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I would like to state my strong opposition to the proposed HJR 134 on the grounds that it is in direct opposition to the will of Missouri voters who overwhelmingly voted for the freedom from legislative interference in the exercise of the protection and promotion of conservation in our state by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The current law has been the envy of many states and serves as a model for others. Please vote NO on this ill conceived politically motivated law.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TODD BICKEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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While I normally support legislative oversight to State funds, in this case I feel that the Conservation Commission is best suited to manage the monies collected from a tax dedicated to conservation. Our State Constitution has set aside a dedicated portion of tax collected to fund and provide for the conservation uses of this State and we the people have entrusted the Conservation Commission to manage these resources. This funding, as well as our Conservation Department, are the envy of outdoor enthusiasts across the nation. Don't mess with a good thing. I am worried that if the legislature, who was more than just conservation to manage, i.e. public safety, transportation, education, etc, the priorities can shift due to the economy, political party in power, and a host of other factors. I believe it is in the best interest to let those whose sole focus is conservation be responsible for the revenue entrusted to them. This has proven to work well in the past and should remain as it is. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>TYLER SCHWARTZE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-2322</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>CONSERVATION FEDERATION OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE:	
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AARON JEFFRIES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-751-4115</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION</b>		TITLE: <b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 180</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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