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I am in Support of this Bill, but the Legislation does not go fare enough to protect the innocent and people attending Religious Services. I believe that any one who is legally allowed to carry a gun and does not have a Felony, shall be allowed to carry a concealed gun in a House of Religious Worship.



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In support of HB 359I feel this proposed change to current law would help correct what now seems completely backwards being that those who conceal carry, for the most part, wish to do so without ever 'outing' themselves. But, in order to fully comply with MO statute, the CCW holder must broach the topic with the church in order to be given consent to carry or not. The current language also fails to state whether verbal consent is sufficient or if it needs to be in writing. It makes much more sense for the church to come to a determination as to how they feel about allowing firearms on premises and then making it known to all if they do not wish to allow them. This way, the concealed carrier easily will know if they're allowed, and avoid opening themselves up to the 'whisper chain' within their church home membership that can be known to happen once someone knows. "Did you know she carries a gun now?!" or the "Don't shoot" you get in place of "Good morning" or being introduced to a visitor "This is Susan, don't worry, if anything happens she's got our back" ..you get the idea.* This will also ease the carrier's ability to plan accordingly when visiting places of worship for various events such as special programs, weddings. Gaining permission in these instances is not feasible seeing as how time would likely be a factor as well as being unknown to the person you are seeking permission from. I support HB 359 because...A concealed carry lifestyle doesn't just mean concealed from view - but concealed from everyone around us knowing as we go safely and lawfully about our day.*NOTE: The examples shared have actually happened to me as a result of taking my CCW class along with a group of men/women from my church. Having outshot them all that day, I then became their favorite thing to talk about for some time thereafter. Lesson learned, I now encourage those I mentor to stay mum about their plans to obtain their CCW and keep their carry lifestyle 'concealed' as best they can. Thank you, Susan Myers Missouri State Director – The DC Project - Women for Gun Rights SWMO Chapter Leader - TAWW Shooting Chapters (The Well Armed Woman)



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I oppose permitting guns in churches. I am a member of an Episcopal parish in University City. Where baptisms and weddings and funerals are celebrated as goalposts of life. Sunday worship sustains our faith. Numerous social events bring us together as a family. Our inspiration is the life of Jesus. While it is trite to ask "What would Jesus do?", most assuredly he would not want weapons to foul his presence in our holy space. More and more guns are not the solution to crime. Never will be. And certainly keeping them out of our sanctuaries would be his directive. So I urge you to reject this red herring legislation and focus on the causes of violence. Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.



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As a churchgoing, gun owning, conservative voter, I am opposed to this legislation that would allow carrying firearms in a house of worship without the consent of the Priest/Pastor/Rabbi/Imam. Religious organizations should be able to make their own rules and policies and should not have Mr. Baker's policies enabling folks that the Pastor knows and has concerns about to endanger the community of worshippers. Let the Pastor keep the freedom to choose. Do not infringe on those religious liberties. Brian Barnhart Member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion University City Missouri



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As a Baptist minister, I urge you to vote against this dangerous bill. Houses of worship should be able to decide for themselves if they want to allow concealed weapons into their buildings. The government should not make these choices for houses of worship. There is no need for this bill, because if a faith community wants to allow concealed weapons onsite they can give that permission to people with permits. But to take away that right to decide, as this bill does, is to trample on the First Amendment rights of houses of worship. If passed, this bill would give gambling boat operations and amusement parks more freedom and rights than churches to decide about guns on their premises - even though houses of worship are protected by the First Amendment more than those entertainment businesses. So as associate director of Churchnet (a statewide network of Baptist churches) and editor Word&Way Baptist magazine, I urge you to reject this unnecessary, dangerous and perhaps unconstitutional bill.



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As a church employee, I would feel terrified to come to work and to worship were this Bill to become law. This legislation puts all those who enter houses of worship at greater risk to acts of terror. I have had family members die and become injured by firearms going off in the hands of those who received all the proper law enforcement training because even with all that training the introduction of guns to a setting increases the risk of danger exponentially whether by accident or malicious intent. Specifically as a Christian, this bill is an attack to religious liberty. It is big government interfering with the sanctity of God's house. Inviting the instruments of destruction into what should be holy ground is nothing but a cheap political trick from the false prophets of Jefferson City meant to steal, kill, and destroy the freedom of houses of worship. I pray for the souls of those who would put forth such legislation. Have you no shame? Have you no faith? When an accident leads to children in a Sunday school room being shot, will your bills be worth it? When a visitor becomes offended by the truth of the gospel and decides to take their anger out on those in attendance, will your arguments today absolve you of the bloodshed? No guns in the nursery. No guns in the youth classroom. No guns in the pew. And no guns in the pulpit. To do otherwise is an affront to all communities of faith and the people who gather within their walls looking for community. Thank you.



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Church/synagogue leaders should have the authority to say who carries a gun on their campuses. To take away that discretion is irresponsible and dangerous.



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I am here speaking to urge you to oppose HB359, and at the very least, to not loosen existing regulations on firearms. I am a proud Missourian, born and raised, and after having lived outside of our state for the last two decades, I moved back last summer to begin serving as a rabbi to the community that I was raised in. It was October 27th--I won't ever forget that date--I was leading services one Saturday morning, when our executive director came up and whispered in my ear that there was an active shooter at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. I am the oldest of the so-called "Columbine Generation", I was a student at Parkway North High School at the time, and so when I immediately broke out into tears, they were tears of fear and of sadness, but also tears that had built up over a lifetime of watching ever more powerful guns make their way into ever more hands. Now, you might suggest, against all of the evidence, that the answer to this vulnerability and this fear lies in more guns. But I am not just the rabbi of a shaken Jewish community, I am also, in the smallest of ways, a gunshot survivor. You see, when I was just a teenager, I was shot in the leg by a person who "knew how to use a gun safely" and who had "checked to make sure that the gun wasn't loaded." I was lucky--it was an underpowered weapon, and I was hit in "good place". But the research is clear: more guns don't make us safer, they just make the most vulnerable among us even more vulnerable. In the Jewish faith, there is no sin greater than idolatry. Idolatry is a tricky one: it's when we begin to substitute something of our own creation for God; it's when we become convinced that *our* truth is *the* truth. And I fear that as guns stop being viewed as just another tool, albeit tools with incredible killing power, and instead when we let firearms become an identity that must be protected above and beyond the cost of more than 30,000 American lives every year, that we have created our own 21st century idol. And so I ask you--I beg you--please don't make it easier to bring guns into my place of worship. Rabbi Daniel Bogard



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I am totally opposed to allowing any weapons in churches - houses of worship should promote peace NOT DEATH!



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Missouri voters have already opposed this bill. It will make our churches and the organizations that use church buildings less safe. I believe in responsible gun ownership and come from a family of avid hunters. This has nothing to do with second amendment protections and I fail to see what purpose it serves.



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I oppose all firearms in churches!!!!!! Why would you even consider it. There are too many people that have mental issues to allow this. Spend your time tightening up the gun laws not making it easier for crazy people to kill others.



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As an ordained Christian clergy member, I am outraged and offended that this bill continues to be pushed forward in the name of religious freedom and safety. At the religious freedom level, the state has no business telling me or my congregation that we may not live out our values of peace and justice by banning firearms in our own spaces. At the public health level, we have seen the results of multiple studies that tell us that less gun control does not lead to better public health outcomes. At the theological level, I find it abhorrent that anyone would argue churches need guns to protect life more than we need to keep people masked and apart to protect life. This bill is horrendous on multiple levels and must be defeated.



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I am a Missouri citizen opposed to HB 359 and HB 568. HR 359 would violate the separation of church and state by mandating the allowance of guns in places of worship, even over the objections of the faith leaders at those houses of worship. That is not right and not the purview of the members of this legislative body. Please instead focus on ways to reduce gun violence in Missouri, which has the 5th higher rate of gun deaths in the US. Don't make it easier for more guns to be present in places such as house of worship.



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My name is Hannah Shanks. I am a member of the Missouri Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. I am the wife of a pastor. My home, where I raise our young child, is a parsonage on church property. Like many places of worship, our church sees a lot of community traffic. Our building is host to multiple AA/NA groups, a preschool, a food and basic needs distribution center, and (during normal times) a youth and adult basketball league. The church grounds are also frequented by those without adequate shelter and those in distress - some of whom may be experiencing physical or mental illness during their stay. Under current law, as pastor, my spouse has the right to determine who may or may not carry a gun on our property, which houses not only our family but many vulnerable others. Under current law, if any person wishes to carry a gun on church property, they must first ask the pastor. This is vital to ensuring all weapons are known, safely secured, and kept out of the hands of those who could do harm - including the many minor children whose parents charge us with their safety and wellbeing each week. If the proposed change were to go into effect, unknown weapons could enter the church building and potentially be left, unknown and unsecured, in places where toddlers and preschoolers may access them. This bill, as written, does not add to the safety or protection of places of worship. Where it would seek to reduce risk, it actually adds likelihood of harm for those most vulnerable among us. Please, do not pass this bill which could endanger the lives of my family and the many people we serve each week.



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To the Members of the House General Laws Committee, I am writing in my capacity as clergy of the Ethical Society of St. Louis to express my horror and total opposition to House Bill 359, which would trample on our religious freedom by imposing government restrictions on how we choose to run our religious community. Clergy should be able to decide whether their congregation allows firearms. This goes beyond a question of the safety of the congregation: it is a matter of religious freedom itself. By rewriting the law to prevent specifically religious institutions from protecting their members from guns, the state would impose a restriction on the freedom of clergy and religious institutions which is not placed on secular institutions. This contravenes the spirit of religious freedom, which affirms the right of religious communities to worship as they wish. Ethical Humanist communities like the Ethical Society of St. Louis have a long-standing religious opposition to private gun ownership, having supported for decades the banning of handguns and other firearms. This law would lay the heavy hand of the government on our shoulder, forcing us to compromise our religious values in order to comport with the dictates of the state. How can we credibly teach our religious perspective that guns should be outlawed if we are required by law to allow them to be carried in our congregations? HB 359 is a dangerous threat to religious freedom, and a danger to clergy and congregants everywhere. James Croft, Leader, Ethical Society of St. Louis



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I am an advocate for children and youth in Missouri. I do not want to see anymore Missouri youth dying due to gun violence. I am asking our lawmakers to use common sense and not implement laws that would make it even easier for our youth to get a hold of a gun. I oppose HB 568 which would make Missouri one of a small minority of states to force colleges and universities to allow handguns on their campuses. The suicide rates in MO among the 10-24 age group is up 105% over the last decade. Missouri's gun homicide rate is worse than all but two other states and is more than twice as high as the national average. • With a rate of 6.63 gun deaths for every 100,000 people among people under the age of 21, the state ranks third in the nation. • In Missouri, shootings are the leading cause of death for young people. Colleges and universities, which have traditionally prohibited guns on campus, are relatively safe from gun violence. But campus life is rife with other risk factors that make the presence of guns potentially dangerous – including heavy alcohol and drug use, mental health issues and suicide. Please vote for the welfare of our youth, the safety of our college and university campuses. The numbers in Missouri tell us we need to do things differently to protect our youth and all citizens. Thank you, Janice Mericle



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This bill removes the minister's or presiding church's authority to decide if and who they want carrying guns in their churches. Currently people have to get consent from the pastor. It is true that it says that only those with a concealed carry permit can do so but it allows people with a permit from any other state, some of whom have very lax rules. In Florida, for example, it's a mail-in application and a fee, so no vetting or training required. Missouri residents can also obtain a Florida license which is then honored since Missouri accepts all CCW licenses from other states. So unskilled and untrained people could carry a gun without the pastor's knowledge. And they would cause confusion or deaths if there is a shooter and they respond. There are other ways to keep our congregations safe from a mass killer but adding unapproved guns in churches is not one of them. Please vote note on this bill.



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I think church leader should continue to make decisions about allowing firearms in their places of worship.



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My God and Jesus are models of peace and security. My church is my sanctuary. To bring weapons of violence into my church does not make me feel more secure. In fact, walking down the street or going to the grocery store knowing that random citizens around me are carrying guns makes me feel even less secure. If our own trained security officers make so many mistakes shooting and killing innocent people, why should I believe that a random person with a gun will be my salvation? My church and my home are about the only places left in this state where I don't have to worry about guns. And having all of these guns has not brought down the state's crime rate. To bring safety and security to our streets Missouri legislators must give more time to justice, financial security and equity, a better public education system, and ending COVID (where the hell, when, and how do we get vaccinated?!) GUNS ARE NEVER THE ANSWER.



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I strongly urge the committee to vote NO on HB 359. My family and I have been members of a United Methodist church's downtown Kansas City campus since 2011. We worship on a weekly basis and my daughter just received her 3rd grade Bible. Our church prohibits individuals attending services from carrying firearms, and that is a critical factor for us in determining whether we feel safe worshipping at a campus. HB 359 takes away a house of worship's right to make this critical safety decision. Many religious people view guns as instruments of violence. Our church also ministers to people who are gun violence survivors and suffer from trauma as a result, and knowing that armed people may be sitting next to them in church may deter them from seeking services or support in their faith journey. This bill forces houses of worship to make a decision that may very well be contrary to the values of the church itself. More people with more guns in more places is not the formula for a decent, humane, peaceful society. Please vote NO on this dangerous bill.



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Please, please, please let this horrible idea die in Committee. The Open Carry statute is terrifying enough, without expanding it to include places of worship. The solution to violence is not more violence. A firearm is the most unforgiving "solution" I can imagine and will inevitably result in more deaths. Moses went to Pharaoh with only his staff. He didn't bring an assault rifle. Jesus didn't advise his disciples to pack heat when ministering to the people. Only Republican legislators seem to equate Christianity with violent solutions to social problems. You are most welcome to worship with us at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion. We would love to meet you. But kindly leave your firearms at home.



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Statistically the need for firearms in churches is infinitesimal and will just potentially lead to more deaths.



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Please keep the law as is and allow clergy to make the decision re anyone can carry a firearm in church



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I object to allowing guns in places of worship in our state. First, those religious communities already vulnerable to hate such as Jewish Synagogues and Mulsum Mosques would become even more vulnerable. If more guns made us more safe Missouri would be nearly the safest state in the US. But sadly we are not. In an average year, 1,160 people die by guns. With a rate of 18.9 deaths per 100,000 people, Missouri has the 5th highest rate of gun deaths in the US.* This bill also interferes with the autonomy of the church to self-determine the environment for its worshipers. Vote No on SB 359.*Source: CDC, WISQARS FATAL INJURY REPORTS, FIVE YEAR AVERAGE



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WITNESS NAME: MARY V HASTINGS MD		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a physician, I am greatly opposed to Missouri allowing guns in churches HB 359. This is a public safety issue in terms of the rise in hate crimes done by radicals. My own sister-in-law Terri Lamanno was shot to death in 2014 by a white supremacist neo-Nazi from Aurora Missouri. He drove up to Kansas City and killed my sister-in-law as well as a teen and his grandfather. He wanted to kill Jews. Right now Missouri does not allow concealed guns in churches. With the rise in domestic terrorism, this could be another mass shooting waiting to happen to people during their refuge of worship. **NO GUNS IN CHURCHES.**



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This is antithetical to the mission of churches. Guns belong in persons vehicles or their homes. I am strongly opposed to guns in public places except shooting ranges. More guns is not the answer to our nation's gun problem.



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WITNESS NAME: PAUL A. METZLER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am an Episcopal Priest (retired) and oppose any legislation that will permit firearms in church buildings. The presence of firearms is antithetical to the teaching of love of God, self, and neighbor. We need to oppose violence in all forms, particularly in the form of firearms.



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WITNESS NAME: POLI RIJOS		PHONE NUMBER:
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As someone who has dedicated the past 5 years to educating on violence prevention and designing interventions, I find it absolutely unnecessary to have firearms in churches. I value my safety and those of my fellow parishioners. Bullets from firearms are one of the top leading causes of death in our country. My alliance at church is to God not to firearms. I am pro-safety. I am not anti-firearms. I am anti-bullet holes.



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WITNESS NAME: REV JAN ONEIL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm a retired and disabled pastor. Please, please do not allow guns in churches without the permission of s pastor on site. Church is a place for safety and refuge. This idea of armed citizens in my church is certainly not God's will. Thanks for honoring this.



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Three years ago, my church that I pastor at developed a safety task force for our church building. They considered the issue of firearms in church and if that helps with security. They invited a security group which consisted of former FBI agents and due to their professional background and previous experiences, they **WOULD NOT** recommend anyone bringing a firearm to worship. Only those who have had specific training on active shooters in large groups would be considered. When we have visitors in our church, the good person with the gun could automatically assume the stranger is armed. The good person with the gun could also get the weapon stripped from them and used against themselves, and sadly, this has taken the life of a pastor recently in Texas. Instead of welcoming the stranger as God requires of us, we arm ourselves because we fear that they are the enemy. This goes against the welcoming and life-creating nature of God.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. LAUREN BENNETT		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lauren.bennett@mccgsl.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2021 9:38 PM
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Though you may be done deliberating, I want to add my voice those opposing this bill. As a clergy person and a local church pastor, I do not want congregants and guests with firearms in the church. Imagine being in church and having a kid find a firearm in someone's bag, or someone shooting -- even at an intruder -- and accidentally shooting another church goer. Imagine the guilt, shame, and stain forever in the church and with the people. People only carry guns because they are willing to use them and that isn't always in the best interest of all who are present. I offer three quick reasons why this bill should not be passed: Citizens are not police: Our church has been a part of multiple active shooter trainings sponsored by police who say the ordinary citizen does not have the ability to accurately shoot an intruder as they are not trained in combat -- in fact, the ordinary citizen is more likely to shoot a fellow congregant than the shooter. The best defense the community throwing chairs or other objects to confuse and overwhelm the shooter. Incompatibility with Faith: The use of firearms is antithetical to the teaching of Jesus and would be unwelcome in many Christian churches. Separation of Church and State: This bill is a gross overstep of the power between church and state. Allow churches to make the call on firearms and allow them to live out their faith as guaranteed in the constitution. Thank you for your time and seriously considering the dangerous outcomes this bill could have on our state.



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WITNESS NAME: REVEREND MARY M HAGGERTY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: haggertymary79@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2021 4:17 PM
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As a pastor of church in North St. Louis County I am strongly opposed to allowing the carry of guns on church property. More people with guns, in a region already riddled with gun violence, is not going to make anyone safer. In fact, not knowing who is armed and how they might perceive the need to use that firearm, leaves my congregation vulnerable to the whims of the carrier. Often, those carrying guns in MO have no training and would only serve to make a tense situation more dangerous for everyone involved. For training on how to stay safe as a congregation, we work with our local police department. This is a moral and spiritual issue that I feel compelled to speak up about. My congregation has the right to know, as I do, if firearms are present on our campus and the right to decide if they wish to congregate knowing that. This bill gives rights to some and strips them from others. And that is utterly unacceptable. Please kill this bill. It is a myth that more guns make us safer. Good guys with guns may have the best of intentions but it rarely ends well. I cannot support subjecting my beloved congregation to that. Sincerely, The Reverend Mary M. Haggerty Episcopal Priest, Diocese of Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: REVEREND EDWIN ZUMWINKEL III		PHONE NUMBER: 314-962-9210	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WEBSTER GROVES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		TITLE: PASTOR/HEAD OF STAFF	
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As Pastor of Webster Groves Presbyterian Church I oppose this law as it allows guns in the church despite our governing bodies decision to prohibit them. This violates our freedom as a church to make that decision. It also violates the separation of Church and state by allowing the state to preempt our faith based decision. The founding leaders of our nation did not intend to have government interfere in the ways in which churches governed themselves. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT E. LEWIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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Do I not have a right to be safe in at least one place in the state of Missouri? Is it inconceivable that my house of worship should be a refuge, a place where "The swallow has found her a nest"? It runs counter the concept of "house of worship" that any church, synagogue, mosque, or temple should be open to weapons brought in by stealth by anybody who has a concealed carry permit from the state. Please defeat this bill.



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I adamantly oppose any kind of weapon in any church. We have enough death and destruction as is. Please leave me safe in my church. Carrying weapons does NOT prevent crimes. It only CAUSES crimes!!



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I do not support this law. As a church-going Christian, I do not wish for guns to have any place in my church at any time. This law impedes my religious freedom and forces guns into a house of worship.



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WITNESS NAME: TARA REUTER JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose the passage of HB359 from the House General Laws Committee and by the Missouri House of Representatives. I don't want guns in my house of worship. However, it is my understanding the law now is that pastors or other governing groups in a church may make the determination of if guns are allowed and who may carry them. I can respect the law as it is. Let's keep the decision in the hands of the church pastor. I don't think it is infringing on mine or anyone else's 2nd Amendment rights to allow for churches to prohibit or limit guns. In my opinion, guns in churches doesn't equal safer churches. Police have a difficult time determining who is a 'good guy' with a gun and who is a 'bad guy' with a gun in some situations. The courtesy to know who is carrying a concealed weapon and therefore the ability to vet that person and extend permission, should remain with the pastor of a church. Thank you for your consideration of my concerns with HB359 and please vote in opposition to HB359.



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WITNESS NAME: THE REV. MIKE ANGELL		PHONE NUMBER: 314-721-7401	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION		TITLE: RECTOR, CHURCH OF THE HOLY COMMUNION	
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In 2018, I helped organize a group of religious leaders to oppose the exact change in Missouri law. The Bishops of the Episcopal, ELCA Lutheran, Methodist and Catholic Churches came together with black church pastors, the Rabbinical Association and several other religious leaders to oppose this change. Archbishop Carlson threatened legal action, to take the question up in the courts if this law passes. It didn't pass in 2018. Since 2018, the change has been proposed at every legislative session, and has not been successful. Missouri faith leaders do not want you to change this law. Let me say why. We could, and we should, have a substantial ethical conversation about firearms in this state, but this law is not the place to start. As a pastor, under the current law, if someone other than a on-duty law enforcement officer wants to bring a firearm onto my campus, they need to have my permission. That is the current law. You need to have the pastor's or the rabbi's permission. Pastors are free, as part of their active shooter protocols, to determine who should be allowed to carry a firearm on their campus. Don't take away their authority. This change takes away that provision of the law. You could argue that churches and synagogues would be treated the same as any other business, but, frankly the law often doesn't treat religious organizations like any other business. I would argue it shouldn't do so here. As a pastor, I think someone should have to ask my permission if they want to carry a gun on my church's property. As the pastor of an urban church, which in normal times sees a really diverse group of folks gather on our campus, I value the right I currently have to tell someone "no, you may not" bring a gun onto our church property. I value that a stranger isn't allowed to bring a gun into my church, where we have evening music classes for kids and Alcoholics Anonymous groups meeting. Changing the law in this way undercuts my authority, and the authority of my fellow faith leaders. I am asking you simply, don't take the relationship out of the equation. Under the current law, if I want to authorize my ushers to carry firearms, I can. Under current law, if I want to tell someone specific, someone who I might have a concern about that they are welcome at church, but their firearm is not, I can. Don't take that discretion away from me and my fellow faith leaders, please.



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Please do NOT even consider a law to allow concealed carry of firearms on college campuses or churches..



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This bill removes the minister's or presiding church's authority to decide if and who they want carrying guns in their churches. Currently people have to get consent from the pastor. It is true that it says that only those with a concealed carry permit can do so but it allows people with a permit from any other state, some of whom have very lax rules. In Florida, for example, it's a mail-in application and a fee, so no vetting or training required. Missouri residents can also obtain a Florida license which is then honored since Missouri accepts all CCW licenses from other states. So unskilled and untrained people could potential carry a gun at The Venues and 425 without the pastor's knowledge.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM HAGGERTY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: william_haggerty@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2021 4:32 PM

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More guns doesn't make us safer, especially when those guns are in the hands of people who haven't been trained. Death by friendly fire is just as dead. You obviously know this since citizens are not allowed to bring firearms into the legislative chambers.