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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. Jews also believe in the concept of B'tzelem Elohim, we are all created in the image of God. This includes police officers, community members, those suspected of committing a crime, and those guilty of a crime. The events across the country this past year, along with challenges in Missouri, have shown us the need to establish standards for law enforcement to treat all communities with dignity and limited use of force against minority communities. Jews have both positive and negative experiences with police and policing. We look to and count on the Police to help protect our places of worship from acts of anti-Semitism and domestic terrorism. However, for centuries we were the target of police violence—and not just in Czarist Russia or under the Crusades but in the United States as well. As recently as 1902 on New York's Lower East Side, police attacked the funeral procession of a prominent rabbi. We have experienced both sides of the coin, and our memory shapes our attitude towards present and future police practices. House Bill 461 provides common-sense reforms that will help rebuild trust between law enforcement and communities. The bill requires every law enforcement agency to have a written policy regarding the investigation of officer-involved deaths. The killing of Michael Brown, George Floyd, and others show what can happen after an officer-involved death. These tragedies can destroy the relationship between a police department and the community it serves. Having a consistent and transparent policy to investigate these incidents can go a long way toward repairing that relationship. The JCRC knows it is challenging to be a police officer and believes common-sense reforms such as House Bill 461 make that job easier. Because this bill helps communities and law enforcement, we urge members of the committee to support this legislation.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members: Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony today. On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri and our approximately 15,000 supporters statewide, I would like to express our strong support for HB 461. HB 461 specifies that every law enforcement agency must have a written policy for if and when an officer causes another individual to die. The bill details that the investigation would occur through an independent process. This legislation represents a basic reform to ensure impartiality in the administration of justice and better policing for all Missourians. As the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri, we stand firmly for equal protection under the law. Equal protection requires that all residents receive due process under the law. When the death of a resident occurs as a result of actions taken by state agents, it is imperative that the state be held to account for its decision to deprive an individual of life and liberty. HB 461 is needed to ensure that officer-involved deaths are thoroughly and impartially investigated. The frequency of these deaths is alarming. In St. Louis alone, a recent study from Arch City Defenders documented 132 individuals killed by police from 2009-2019 in only four counties of the St. Louis region. Their findings detail that the overwhelming majority of those killed were men, 72 percent of those killed were Black, and the youngest person killed was only 12 years old. Behind each of these statistics, a family suffers and communities fracture. This tragedy is compounded by a lack of information both at the state and federal level. Federal requests for Missouri's data on officer-involved shootings has gone largely unanswered. In 2019, the St. Louis Post Dispatch reported that only 13 agencies in Missouri out of about 600 had submitted a report to the FBI's National Use-of-Force Data Collection effort. A more recent report from the ACLU found that police officers had fatally shot 511 people nationwide in the first half of 2020, despite the anomaly of a global pandemic. The study confirmed that from 2015 to 2019, an average of 19.4 fatal police shootings occurred per week during the first half of the year, the exact same average number of fatal police shootings per week in 2020 despite stay and home orders and less opportunity for police/ public interactions. The racial analysis of this national study highlighted significant disparities, echoing the trend seen in the local Arch City report. Nationally, approximately 46 percent of fatal police shootings kill white people, who account for roughly 60 percent of the U.S. population. Another 24 percent of fatal police shootings kill Black people, who account for about 13 percent of the U.S. population. HB 461 mirrors efforts by states such as Wisconsin and Utah that currently require independent investigations of officer-involved deaths. Minnesota, Georgia and Tennessee all have independent agencies dedicated to this type of investigation. If Missouri adopts HB 461, it will be following in the wake of several conservative states to do so. This bill would require that investigations of an officer involved death are not internal alone. It would require that the public get a report of what happened and it would mitigate institutional biases

that occur when the police are asked to police themselves. This reform is modest, common sense, and urgently needed to protect due process for Missourians. I strongly urge this committee to support this bill. I am available to answer any questions that you might have going forward. Thank you again for your consideration. Best, Sara Baker
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