



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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COMMITTEE: <b>Economic Development</b>		
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>		
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
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**I Support this reasonable Bill with the following Amendment: that the Percentage of Unemployment be based in the eight (8) Congressional Districts located throughout the State.**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>		
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**Keeping a healthy U.I. trust fund is in the best interest of all employers and employees. This bill will help to ensure that the fund will be there in good and bad times.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID OVERFELT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-2524</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MO GROCERS ASSOCIATION; MO RETAILERS ASSOCIATION; MO TIRE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
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**All retail sectors are seeking employees and have throughout the pandemic. We have safely followed CDC guidelines and continually train new hires. Jobs are abundant. We need people to go back to work and not continue incentives that keep able bodied workers at home.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JAMES HARRIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-761-7875</b>	
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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When more jobs are available, the need for longer periods of unemployment benefits is reduced, so it makes sense that the number of weeks of unemployment are reduced in correlation to the unemployment rate, as provided in this bill. We support this language.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACOB HUMMEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-2115</b>
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI AFL-CIO</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
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Missouri House Committee on Economic Development Chair Representative Grier Honorable Representatives of the Committee, The Missouri AFL-CIO, the voice for working Missourians, respectfully opposes House Bill 649. Unemployment insurance is a central anchor of Missouri's worker protection safety net, as well as an important stabilizer of the economy. Unemployment benefits help laid off workers, who are actively seeking a return to work, keep food on the table, heat in the winter and from missing that payment that will cause them to lose their home. Any changes to this program need to be made with the utmost precision, and the security of Missouri's workers in mind. Unfortunately Senate Bill 649 introduces randomness and chaos to a program that should be predictable and stabilizing. Unemployment rates are not even across the State, nor across industries. A shutdown of a major employer may devastated a local community, making work nearly impossible to find, even while the areas of the state hundreds of miles away are thriving. To reduce UI eligibility in the bootheel if unemployment is low in Kansas City is not good for workers, the economy or the State. The Missouri AFL-CIO respectfully urges a "No" vote on House Bill 649. Jacob Hummel President Missouri AFL-CIO