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COMMITTEE: <b>Utilities</b>		
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<b>WITNESS NAME</b>		
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE:                  ZIP:
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>FRED DREILING</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>18168066335</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS</b>		TITLE: <b>LOBBYIST</b>	
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**ASSOCIATION OF WATER DISTRICTS 25902 S SOUTHWOOD RD HARRISONVILLE, MO Representative Bill Kidd Chairman Utilities Committee Missouri House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Avenue Rm. 402 Jefferson City Mo 65101 Re: Opposition to HB 767 Representative Kidd: I am writing to voice opposition to HB 767 on behalf of the Association of Water Districts. I am the president of the Association of Water Districts, a Missouri not for profit corporation representing the interests of Missouri's public water supply districts formed under Chapter 247. Public Water Supply Districts are governed by a 5-member elected Board of Directors. These elected directors work with professional staff to govern and oversee the operations of the water supply and distribution systems for each District's territory. We understand that HB 767 intends to alter RSMo 247.200. We are opposed to the amendments as unduly restricting the latitude Water Districts need to govern their affairs as determined by the sound judgment of the elected Board members charged with running the District. Districts are already managed by professional, licensed staff that operate these systems with the aid of their hired engineers, financial advisors, legal counsel and receive assistance, guidance and training in best practices from work with the Department of Natural Resources and associations such as our organization and Missouri Rural Water Association. These proposed restrictions hamper the ability of the Districts to address issues which have real cost to them and would unfairly transfer those costs to the other District customers. The Board needs the flexibility to assess where the responsibility should lie for these operational issues. We believe the proposed legislation improperly usurps the control of elected official's decision making by dictating requirements without regard to the priorities and local needs determined by those elected officials. Rather we need the State to allow the local elected officials to run our water supply districts and for the State to support programs to fund infrastructure expansion and improvements. The Association of Water Districts would urge you to reject HB 767 that would change the provisions of Chapter 247. Sincerely, /s/ Kalman Turos Kalman Turos President cc: Mr. Fred Dreiling**