



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

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COMMITTEE: <b>Local Government</b>			
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
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REPRESENTING: <b>JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SEWER DISTRICT</b>		TITLE:	
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CITY: <b>FENTON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63026</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>2/25/2021 12:00 AM</b>	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY REORGANIZED COMMON SEWER DISTRICT</b>		TITLE: <b>CGCRCSD BOARD PRESIDENT</b>	
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Good morning. I am Joe Tousignant, a volunteer serving as Board President of the Cape Girardeau County Reorganized Common Sewer District Board, since 2014. The District began serving 14 customers in 2013 and has grown to serve over 875 customers at present. We are now building a \$33M project to serve the greater Fruitland MO area, outside Jackson, which will serve over 1400 households. I support this legislation allowing Board Members to be compensated, and have several reasons to do so: 1) Common Sewer District Board Members can be compensated, but Reorganized Common Sewer Districts Board Members can not. The differences between the two Districts lies only in the authority the District has to borrow money for projects. This bill will make the compensation policy consistent between the two District types. 2) It is very difficult to attract volunteer trustees to serve on any County Board. In my entire time with the District, when we have a Board vacancy, the County Commission has never had a choice between two or more candidates to appoint. We are lucky to have even one person to step up and take on the time consuming responsibilities of the job. Someday, I will leave the Board and I would like to think that if some compensation is offered to Board members, that there will be several applicants and the County Commission will be able to select between several qualified candidates instead of settling on the sole volunteer. In my entire term of service, I have never had any challenger to my position, which is appointed by the County Commission. The Commission shouldn't have to settle on whatever volunteers they can get to be on the Board. Some compensation of Board members would create competition for the positions on the Board, and allow the County Commission to select who they find the most qualified. I would welcome that. 3) Cost Savings: We are a small District and employ only two office clerks. We have no District Manager, Accountant, Superintendent, or Maintenance worker. Those duties are now performed by the graces of the Board Members or through the hiring of contractors. There are many instances in which a Board Member could provide those services for a much lower cost to the District, than is incurred by paying outside contractors to perform. For example, we need a gate fixed on a treatment plant. To hire a contractor to do so, it could cost hundreds of dollars. A Board member would be willing to do it for an hour or two of wages, as determined by the County Commission, for a huge cost savings. Our District is forced to pay full price for accounting services from a private firm. If we were able to pay a Board Member, we could attract an accountant to the Board who just wants a little "moonlighting" money on the side, to provide their services to the District. I think we should ask ourselves, do we want our Reorganized Sewer Districts to be run by the few and only volunteers who will serve, or will it be better to attract some competition and talent to run these Boards by providing reasonable compensation, overseen by the County Commission and the voters? I thank you for your consideration of HB 804 and ask for your support. Joe Tousignant, Board President Cape Girardeau County

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**I am in Opposition to this Bill. I believe in true and real Community Service and giving talents and leadership back to the Community Free-of-Charge.:**