



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 847</b>		DATE: <b>2/17/2021</b>
COMMITTEE: <b>Special Committee on Tourism</b>		
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Good Afternoon Honorable Representatives of the Special Committee on Tourism, my name is Bing Schimmelpfenning and I am the Executive Director of the Harrisonville Area Chamber of Commerce. I write to you today to state that the Harrisonville Area Chamber of Commerce is in support of HB 847 introduced by Representative Sander-Transient Guest Tax. While not arguing the vital economic importance Tourism brings to a rural community, such as Harrisonville, the Chamber wishes to express that our local citizens deserve the ability to decide for themselves, via ballot initiative, whether or not to impose a "Transient Guest Tax". We believe that this affords "local control" to our city's residents, much like our local school district can ask for bond or levy increases to further the district's educational goals. The Chamber believes that allowing local citizens to decide for themselves if passing such a "Transient Guest Tax" is in their best interests and furthers the city's goal of increased Tourism. is at the heart of democratic governance and therefore urge the Committee to vote "Yes" on HB 847. I wish to thank the Special Committee on Tourism for this opportunity to voice the Harrisonville Area Chamber of Commerce's support of HB 847. Bing Schimmelpfenning, Executive Director



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**I am Opposition to this Bill.This is Violating the State Statue Chapter 67, that Mandates a Minuim Population of 51,000 Residents and also requires a threshold of at least 350 already existing Hotel/Motel Rooms.This is a Special-Interest Tax Increase!**