

May 22, 2017

Honorable Governor Eric Greitens  
201 W Capitol Ave, Room 216  
Jefferson City, Mo 65101

Dear Governor Greitens,

We, the undersigned, urge you to sign House Committee Bill 3 (HCB3).

The legislation represents a truly bi-partisan agreement to protect critical supports and services for Missouri seniors and Missourians with disabilities. As you know, HCB 3 would allow the Commissioner of Administration to tap into existing, unused funds in order to support an array of services in the FY 2018 budget, including the following:

- In-home care and nursing home services for 8,000 Missouri citizens with disabilities and seniors, by maintaining the current eligibility requirements for these services;
- Programs provided for Missouri seniors and their families through the statewide network of Area Agencies on Aging;
- Alzheimer's grants and caregiver supports; and the Family Support Partnership Program which assists Missourians with developmental disabilities and their families.

All of these programs serve Missourians with low-wages and/or fixed incomes who face significant and diverse health challenges. In many cases, the services are essential for fostering patients and seniors to remain healthy and living independently, avoiding much more costly hospitalization or institutional care. As a result, they are a cost effective investment for Missouri.

Similar "fund sweeps" to that within HCB 3 have been utilized in previous years. In the FY 2014 budget, funding derived from the "sweep" supported K-12 education, the Missouri First Steps early intervention program and community health care services.

HCB 3 will not only allow your administration the ability to invest in critical community services that help families and communities thrive, it also provides time to develop lasting solutions to Missouri's budget challenges. We would welcome the opportunity to work with you and your administration on the development of those long-term solutions.

Again, we ask that you put the full support of your administration behind HCB3 and sign the legislation into law.

Respectfully,

AARP Missouri

Access II Independent Living Center – Home

Capital Area Missouri NOW

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services

Catholic Charities of St. Louis

COMTREA Community Health Center

CWA Local 6355

Delta Center for Independent Living

Disability Resource Association

Empower Missouri

F.A.C.T, St. Charles MO

Heartland Independent Living Center  
Independent Living Center of Southeast Missouri  
Independent Living Resource Center, Inc.  
Loretto KC  
Lutheran Family and Children's Services  
Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri  
Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity  
Metropolitan Congregations United  
Midland Empire Resources for Independent Living (MERIL)  
Missouri Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Missouri Budget Project  
Missouri Centers for Independent Living – MOCIL  
Missouri Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program  
Missouri Developmental Disabilities Council  
Missouri Health Care for All  
Missouri Jobs with Justice  
NAMI Missouri  
National Council of Jewish Women – St. Louis  
National MS Society  
North East Independent Living Services On My Own, Inc.  
Ozark Independent Living  
Paraquad

Places for People, Inc  
Rural Advocates for Independent Living  
Safe Connections  
SEIU HCII  
SEIU Local 1  
SEIU Missouri/Kansas State Council  
SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence  
SEMO Alliance for Disability Independence: SADI  
Services for Independent Living  
Simply Strategy  
St. Cronan Church  
St. Louis Center for Family Development  
St. Louis Effort for AIDS  
The Gospel Justice Committee, Sisters of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, MO  
The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City  
The Independent Living Center, Inc  
The Independent Living Center, Inc.  
The League of Women Voters of Metro St. Louis  
The Missouri Coalition for Quality Care  
The Missouri Nurses Association  
Tri-County Center for Independent Living  
Vision for Children at Risk  
West-Central Independent Living Solutions  
Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

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