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SUBJECT: House Bill (HB) 439

Honorable Representative Bill E. Kidd
Missouri House of Representatives
201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 236-A
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Dear Mr. Kidd:

As the Department of Defense Regional Environmental Coordinator for the state of Missouri, I am writing in support of HB 439.

Energy is an operational necessity for all military installations to support a vast array of tasks and operations. In addition to increasing energy efficiency, the military services have established renewable energy goals as an important part of future operations. The National Defense and Authorization Act of 2007 establishes the Department of Defense goal to produce or procure not less than 25% of the total quantity of electric energy from renewable sources by 2025. Meeting this goal can help decrease an installation's utility expenditures, advance our leadership role in reducing harmful emissions, and support the military mission. Providing clean, reliable sources can be challenging, so we support state legislative initiatives creating new options and alternatives for renewable energy.

As written, Missouri HB 439, Missouri Energy Freedom Act, would provide positive benefits and improved options to help meet renewable energy goals. A minor change is recommended in 386.1002.11 (line 78) – delete the words "in addition" which implies the alternative tariff is added to the recovery costs in 386.1002.10.

We appreciate your efforts to support renewable energy efforts within the state of Missouri. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need additional information. I can be reached at (816) 389-3448, or by email at Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stanley L. Rasmussen", is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

Stanley L. Rasmussen
Director, Army Regional Environmental and
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