

We Deserve Clean Air

Oppose SB 243



Senate Bill 243 would end emissions testing for automobiles in Saint Charles County, Jefferson County and Franklin County, negatively effecting the state budget, air quality and our most vulnerable citizens.

Fiscally Irresponsible

According to the fiscal note of a similar previous bill, ending St. Charles emissions testing will cost the state \$935,486 over the next three years from lost fees through the Missouri vehicle safety inspection program. Missouri could also lose \$26 million per year in federal highway funds.



Inspections Still Needed

Despite the claims of the bill sponsor, inspections are still needed to protect our air. According to the EPA, Saint Louis area air is still not in compliance with federal standards. (tinyurl.com/stlair) The average age of vehicles on the road is 11.8 years old, meaning that many older cars with less efficient emission reduction systems (or impaired systems) remain on the road. Trump's rollback of emission standards may result in an increase of emission heavy cars on the roads, which would make the continued emissions testing even more important.

Harms Our Children and the Elderly

This low quality air exacerbates lung ailments, including asthma and bronchitis. The problem is especially serious for children and the elderly. Asthma rates for children is higher in the St. Louis area than in the rest of Missouri - a problem exacerbated by pollutants from motor vehicles, including those from St. Charles County.

SB 243 is sponsored by Senator Eigel.