



TO: REPRESENTATIVE LANCE KINZER, JUDICIARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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FROM: CINDY CASH, PRESIDENT/CEO

RE: HB 2188

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2013

I am submitting written testimony in opposition to HB 2188. I believe this proposed bill would cause an excessive burden for non-profits to establish and maintain a downloadable, searchable website to track the public funds in the aggregate amount of \$350 or more per year. As the executive officer of a membership based non-profit organization, our membership fees and sponsorship fees all go to pay for all of our operating costs. We neither do activity based costing nor funds accounting. All income is used to pay the expenses based on our volunteer board approved budget. The implementation of either of the above accounting methods would only add to administrative costs versus chamber mission activities. As a membership based organization, our records are certainly always open to our members. As a non-profit, we are required by law to submit a 990 tax filing. 990s are open for anyone's review and are already available on a national website for public review.

Non-profits are mission based. This proposed law would take the limited resources most non-profits have, including ours, and use these precious resources of time and money for something that takes us away from our total mission for the interest of few people who have decided they want more information than is currently easily available. Is that fair to the clients and members of non-profits? I don't think so. This law would create another task for our staff to do that would take time and money away from our Chambers' mission to create a quality community in which to live work and conduct business

Additionally, requiring our government entities to do a public website also would result in additional costs for the governmental entities. Do we really want to add additional costs to our governmental entities at all levels? While transparency is a good thing, isn't this taking it too far?

Again, I am in opposition to HB2188 and encourage the committee not to pass this bill. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 913-371-3070 or via email: cindy@kckchamber.com. Thank you for your attention.

