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State Representative Mark Meirath Files Bill to Secure Missouri's Airspace from Foreign Threats

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – State Representative Mark Meirath proudly announced the filing of House Bill 930, also known as the Foreign Unmanned Aircraft Law. This piece of legislation aims to strengthen Missouri's security by restricting public entities from purchasing or operating small, unmanned aircraft systems, more commonly known as drones, manufactured or assembled by foreign entities tied to nations considered adversarial.

"This bill is about protecting Missouri's critical infrastructure, sensitive data, and public safety," stated Rep. Meirath, R-Excelsior Springs. "We have seen an increasing reliance on drones for everything from law enforcement to infrastructure inspections. However, by limiting the use of drones manufactured by these adversarial countries, we would be taking proactive measures to safeguard our state and citizens from potential security risks."

HB 930 is just one of the pieces of legislation Rep. Meirath has introduced with the start of the session. He hopes to garner support from his colleagues to pass laws that will position Missouri as a leader in safeguarding citizens and looks forward to advancing policies that will better life for his constituents and every Missourian.

Representative Mark Meirath, a Republican, represents part of Clay County (District 39), including the cities of Excelsior Springs and Kearney, in the Missouri House of Representatives. He was elected to his first term in November 2024. For more information, please contact Rep. Meirath by phone at 573-751-1468 or email at Mark.Meirath@house.mo.gov.