



**Testimony of Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) and
Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC)
In Support of House Bill 2156 – Written Only
Before the House Energy, Utilities & Telecom Committee
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Kansas residential utility customers have endured extreme cost burdens from both electric and natural gas energy providers in recent years. Lower-income Kansans bear this burden more than most, having to decide each month which bills to pay. In many situations, utility assistance programs can't fully meet the needs of Kansans.

We commend CURB for working on proposals to benefit residential customers. HB 2156 is a reasoned proposal to help provide some relief to the Kansans that need it most.

Costs for the program are expected to be moderate and retained within the residential class of customers.

We support the passage of HB 2156.

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The Kansas Industrial Consumers Group (KIC) is a coalition of large-volume energy users in Kansas. The members collectively represent billions of dollars of investment in the State and employ thousands of Kansans. Kansans for Lower Electric Rates (KLER) is an advocacy project of KIC with members of all sizes. We believe high energy costs are negatively impacting residential consumers, schools, hospitals, and large and small businesses.