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To: Chairman Kerschen and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

From: City of Overland Park

Re: HB 2302 – Support (Written)

Thank you for allowing the City of Overland Park to submit testimony in support of HB 2302.

The City is supportive of all State efforts to provide funding for local water infrastructure. The grant program contemplated by HB 2302 would be an important investment in municipal water infrastructure in cities across the state including Overland Park.

The City maintains 554 miles of public stormwater infrastructure designed to convey stormwater runoff safely through the city. Presently there are over \$70M of backlog in legacy flooding issues, which require capital improvements that are very expensive. It is projected to take well over 50 years to address all current known flooding risks. The City is hopeful the grant program in HB 2302 will help address this and other water-related infrastructure issues within the city.

Thank you for allowing the City to submit testimony in support of HB 2302. We respectfully request that the Committee advance this legislation to the full Senate.