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The Honorable Carolyn McGinn, Chairperson Senate Committee on Local Government 300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator McGinn:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 312 by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 312 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 312 would prohibit public utility companies from exercising eminent domain unless approved by the board of county commissioners where the relevant property is located. The bill would not apply to municipally owned utility companies.

The Kansas Corporation Commission and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate that enactment of SB 312 would not have a fiscal effect. According to the Kansas Association of Counties, SB 312 would have an unknown fiscal effect on counties, as evaluation of eminent domain requests may increase staffing costs for county governments.

Sincerely,

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cc: Peter Barstad, Kansas Corporation Commission Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties