

Date: March 6, 2012

To: Senate Committee on Local Government

From: Nicole Proulx Aiken Staff Attorney

Re: HB 2412

On behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities, thank you for allowing me to appear before you today in support of HB 2412.

HB 2412 is identical to SB 341, a bill you passed out of committee on February 13, 2012. Now, in order for the City of Treece to properly dissolve, this committee must approve HB 2412, so that the bill can make its way to the governor.

Over the past few years, the League has worked with the City of Treece to try and dissolve the city under K.S.A. 15-111. K.S.A. 15-111 requires an election before a city can dissolve. The City of Treece did not follow K.S.A. 15-111, however, because it wanted to ensure its citizens had utilities until the buyout; thus, this bill is needed for the city to dissolve.

For these reasons, we request that you pass HB 2412. Thank you again for allowing me to appear before you today.