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Committee Chair and Committee,

My name is George Hanna, I live in Tecumseh Kansas and I come before you in opposition of Senate Bill 405. There have been numerous testimonies today in regards to the environmental impact that passing such bill would have on Kansas. But what I come before you today to point out is, this question within Senate Bill 405 has already been asked and answered, under current restrictions, enthusiastically by local elected officials, each representing their communities. I respect each and every one of you for your time serving this great state, and certainly do not feel that I need to give a civics lesson, however any consideration of such a bill like Senate Bill 405, blatantly disregards the wishes of the people for whom the communities are affected and their elected officials within local government. As many of you know I am an avid motorcyclist. I have been all over this great country of ours, riding nearly 20,000 miles a year. And our neighboring (I say neighbor because it is only 20 miles away) state of Arkansas is one of the most beautiful in our country, however, there are places where you can ride down the road, smelling the beauty of nature only to crest the hill before you and smell the stench of urine and feces for a miles. This is repeated over and over again while riding throughout Arkansas. Many of you before me right now live in districts that will be impacted with the passage of such a bill. Are you prepared to drive home every day requiring you to drive with the windows rolled up. Are you prepared to be accountable for an unknown ecological impact, especially given that water is so precious to each and every one of us.

So in closing, I ask that you consider not only the uphold the decisions of our elected local officials to do the jobs that they were elected to do but also the potential devastating environmental impact this would have in small town towns across Kansas. Urban migration is something we struggle with in Kansas on so many issues, I implore you not to continue to give reasons for people to move from the great communities we have in rural Kansas.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Hanna", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the typed name "George Hanna" and the word "Respectfully,".

Respectfully,

George Hanna,