



TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
TO THE HOUSE ENERGY, UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
ON HB 2462

February 7, 2018

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony in opposition to HB 2462. This bill represents State intrusion on local government and its ability to partner with broadband providers on its own terms. The bill requires local government to lease dark fiber on a cost-plus basis upon request of the broadband provider, although it does allow the municipality to retain 50-years of fiber.

Broadband expansion in Kansas is a priority issues for Kansas counties; however, we do not believe HB 2462 represents the best solution for expansion in our state.

We appreciate the committee's continuing efforts to study broadband expansion and look for a workable means to expanded broadband in the state.

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