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Written Testimony in Support of Sub for SB 69 – Electricity Rate Study Bill
House Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee,
Rep. Joe Seiwart, chair

Mr. Chairman, members of the committee –

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill.

My name is Rabbi Moti Rieber, and I am the executive director of Kansas Interfaith Action, a statewide, multi-faith issue advocacy organization that brings a moral voice to Kansas public policy by educating, engaging and advocating on behalf of people of faith and the public regarding critical social, economic, and climate justice issues.

We are very concerned with the effect that high utility rates are having on working people and poor people in Kansas. Kansas has the highest utility rates in the region, and this has a disproportionate effect on the people who have the least ability to pay these high rates. Alternatives such as energy efficiency or distributed solar power are often beyond the means of these ratepayers, especially given the utilities' opposition to these measures. To us, this is an economic justice issue.

We believe that the investor-owned utilities have been given a far too large a guaranteed rate of return for far too long, and that the burden for this is being borne by working and poor ratepayers. We believe a study will demonstrate this, and that's why we support one.

Thank you for your attention.