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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Utilities
Proponent Testimony on HB 2618 • March 11, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony in support of HB 2618, which would create a grant program for the deployment of broadband within the state of Kansas.

We have reached a point in history where broadband availability is not only critical, but necessary for growth. Without high speed internet availability, some businesses may not be able to locate in certain communities. Likewise, residents may not be able to remain in those communities if internet access is necessary for their jobs or education.

HB 2618 is not a silver bullet, but it is an additional tool that can be utilized in communities to get more service to more people. That is a crucial step in making every community in Kansas the type of place that can attract more residents, more businesses and more growth. KAC supports the reporting requirements that were added by the House committee.

KAC encourages the committee to pass HB 2618 out of committee favorably. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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