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To: House Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications Committee

Comment to the Public Record

Regarding: Kansas Senate Bill 24, SB 24, Energy Choice Act

I am writing to let you know that I oppose SB 24.

I am opposed to fossil fuels. I want Kansas, its' counties, and cities to work toward less reliance on fossil fuels. Fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas are finite resources, dirty, and bad for the environment and people's health. SB 24 is in opposition to reducing reliance on fossil fuels, so I oppose SB 24.

I support renewable sources for energy such as solar and wind. As renewable resources become more common, the costs are also coming down. I added solar panels to my house in 2020 to reduce my reliance on fossil fuels and want cities in Kansas to have the same choice. I do not feel that cities should be restricted from making energy decisions that are cheaper, cleaner, and better for the environment.

I know the price of gas negatively impacted many Kansas cities during the Polar Vortex in February. We need to take climate change seriously. Events such as the Polar Vortex and other events due to climate change will continue to happen. Kansas cities need to end reliance on fossil fuels and minimize their impacts on climate change.

There is no reason for the State to mandate cities energy sources.

I implore you not pass SB 24. It is a bad public policy.

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