

Testimony of Joel Campbell for Senate Bill 24  
Written-only Opponent to SB 24

Dear Chairman Thompson and members of the Senate Utilities Committee, my name is Joel Campbell and I live in Kansas City, Kansas. I am writing to submit testimony opposing Senate Bill No. 24. This bill presents itself as preserving a customer's choice in energy suppliers. However, its actual purpose is to prevent municipalities from transitioning to clean energy, despite the will of the people. Clean energy is popular, safe, profitable, and what we need to stop the climate crisis we are currently in. If we want our children to see a better tomorrow, if we don't want millions more to die from natural disasters strengthened by climate change, if we want to preserve the Earth's natural beauty, we need to be able to make a change in how we power our communities. Opposing our ability to do this is an obvious ploy to preserve corporations and money-making tactics built upon the destruction of our planet and our people. Corporations may lose money, but considering how many lives are on the line, it seems immoral to consider that a problem. They must transition to producing clean energy instead of killing us and the planet we live on.

Natural gas jobs are bubble jobs. They will not last. Instead of protecting and supporting the dying fossil fuel industry, we should be focused on facilitating a just economic transition away from natural gas and other harmful pollutants and towards Kansas' abundant renewable energy sources like solar and wind. Kansas must be proactively preparing workers for the renewable energy economy, not giving them false assurances of long-term job security. I urge you to support Kansans and our economic future by rejecting this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

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