

OPPOSITION TO SB24

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My name is Jennifer Connelly of 3353 159th East Wichita, KS. My State Senator is Ty Masterson and my State Representative is Patrick Penn.

SB 24 wrongfully appears to be a law which speaks as if the public has a choice. A "choice" means we have a "right". That "right" should include clean air, clean water, and sustainable land uses for wildlife preservation & restoration. SB 24, as read, actually "strips" authority from local municipalities, county, city and township governing bodies and usurps its role to protect & preserve jurisdictional sensitive habitats, migration corridors, and unique & diverse species.

Protection from imposed overhead power lines, oil & gas exploration & pipelines, compressor stations, widespread downwind coal ash deposition, and area water depletion must be maintained. For instance, wind turbine siting conforms to "Site Wind Right" rules & guidelines and best practices for habitat-safe placement of wind farms (Wildlife Service Land-Based Energy Guidelines).

Urban municipalities must be legally able to take part in determining their energy sources so as to protect their own specific environments, inhabitants, and attributes. Farm-and-ranch, agricultural and livestock production must have flexibility to market products originating from renewable sources.

Allowing local authority to encourage sustainable energy resources available in their particular location grows jobs and optimizes economic benefits. Keeping local control over energy resources through county commissions, mayors, city councils, neighborhood advisory boards,

and agricultural organizations contributes to increased social and environmental equality among Kansans.

Please vote NO on SB 24.