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Subject: Senate Bill 133

Senator Mike Thompson  
Chair, Utilities Committee  
Kansas State Capital  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Thompson:

As the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Environmental Coordinator for the State of Kansas, I would like to express our support for Senate Bill 133 (SB 133). Please share these comments with the members of the Utilities Committee.

As proposed, SB 133 would exclude from the definition of “public utility” the activity of corporations, individuals, etc. engaged in the sale of electricity for the sole purpose of providing electric vehicle charging service to an end user. The Army plans on more of its fleet vehicles becoming electric vehicles. By allowing for private ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging stations without being regulated as a public utility, this bill will support the increase of electric vehicle charging stations in Kansas and, thus, enhance the infrastructure for electric vehicles. Accordingly, the U.S. Department of Defense supports Senate Bill 133.

I intend to provide verbal testimony in support of this bill at the hearing on 10 February 2021. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need any additional information. I can be reached at (816) 389-3448, or by email at [Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil](mailto:Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stanley L. Rasmussen".

Stanley L. Rasmussen  
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