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House Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Committee
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HB 2173

Kansas Association of Counties
Opponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Tarwater and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer opponent testimony on HB 2173, which would pre-empt political subdivisions of the state from prohibiting or limiting the use of refrigerants that are approved and listed under federal law.

The Kansas Association of Counties and its member counties believe in the principle of local control. Foundational to this belief is the tenet that government closest to the people will be able to best serve the needs of the people. This testimony is not in reference to any type of refrigerant itself. Rather, KAC is opposed to the pre-emptive nature of HB 2173 and removing local control on this particular issue.

KAC takes no position on whether or not counties will (or should) choose to regulate refrigerants in their jurisdiction. HB 2173 is an invasion of local control, which KAC opposes.

KAC would ask that this committee preserve local control and reject HB 2173. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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