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To: Chairman Tarwater and Members of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development

Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 2447

Chairman Tarwater and Committee Members, thank-you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to HB 2447 on behalf of the City of Junction City. This bill simply preempts cities from prohibiting the sale of any product or any service that is permitted under State Law. This law would be in opposition to the Constitutional Home Rule Amendment.

All 625 cities in Kansas have the ability to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare in their given City. This bill would erase that. For example, some cities in Kansas prohibit the sales and discharge of fireworks in their community. This is a local decision and was made by the governing body of that given City. This bill would erase the City to protect their citizens as they feel is best.

Cities are the only form of government that exists because the people wanted a City to be formed and they continue to operate separately from each other. This allows for local "grassroots" control. What is good for one City in Kansas, may not be in another City. Again, a local choice.

This bill destroys "local" choice. Based on this testimony, I request you not to pass out HB 2447.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen J. Dinkel".

Allen Dinkel  
City Manager