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To: Chairman Bergquist and Members of the House Committee on Local Government

Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 2150

Chairman Bergquist and Committee Members, thank-you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in opposition to HB 2150 on behalf of the City of Junction City. I understand that this bill would eliminate municipalities' ability to apply their own planning and zoning regulations to area adjacent to the city limits.

At the present the City of Junction City does not have extra-territorial zoning as in the past the City along with Geary County agreed to form a Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) which covers the City as well as all of the non-incorporated property in Geary County.

I have served as City Manager/Administrator in 4 other Kansas communities over the past 34 years. In these cities we had an area adjacent to the City where planning and zoning regulations were applied. This simply was a good move as the area was protected from having uses that would be detrimental to the City and those who lived there. More importantly, this zoning protected the health, safety, and welfare of all. In one City the zoning helped to protect the City's water supply. In that City, water was sold to Rural Water Districts near the City. The protection of this water source with zoning was extremely important to everyone, regardless of if they lived in the City or not. I have also served as President of the League of Kansas Municipalities and I will always stand up for what is best for all Cities in Kansas

Junction City and Geary County made a "choice" with their zoning, but it is important all cities be allowed the ability to also make choices to provide for proper growth and to protect the assets that affect the City.

Based on this testimony, I request you not to pass out HB 2150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Allen J. Dinkel'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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