

City of Logan

105 West Main Street

Logan, KS 67646

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Chairman Minnix

House Water Committee

House Bill No. 2302

Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 9:00 AM Room 218-N

IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL No. 2302

Good morning, Representative Minnix and members of the committee on water.

I am Debra Grammon, Mayor of the City of Logan. I am testifying **in support** of House Bill No. 2302.

The City of Logan, as well as many other small communities, have water infrastructure that is extremely old.

Currently, our community has a street project that will begin in 2024. The funding for this project is in place, but the problem is that our aging water lines are located in the streets in our community. Before the streets are replaced, the city is in the process of trying to obtain funding for replacing the old cast iron water lines to Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) lines and locate them in the right of ways along the streets.

In our experience, the cast iron lines have resulted in 90% of all of our water leaks in the past 15 years. Tearing up streets to fix leaks and having to patch streets has been quite costly to our community.

Losing water due to aging infrastructure is a loss of our most precious resource. One that cannot be replaced once it is gone.

Logan is as small community of 450 people. Additional taxing on our residents would be a hardship for many. Any funding we could obtain for our water projects would be greatly appreciated.

Therefore, I am in SUPPORT of HB 2302 to help communities through the water technical assistance fund to maintain, repair or replace water related infrastructures.

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