



City of Parsons
112 S. 17th Street
Parsons, Kansas 67357

Date: February 14, 2023

To: House Water Committee

From: City of Parsons

RE: Proponent Testimony on HB 2302 Written Testimony

Chairman Minnix and members of the Committee thank you for allowing the City of Parsons the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2302.

Today we join the rural communities of the State of Kansas in support of this piece of legislation. We, like so many others, support state action, in consultation with municipal providers, to address surface and groundwater resources. We feel HB 2302 aligns with this statement and provides additional funding streams for water infrastructure across the state.

By allocating \$5 million per year for five years the fund will assist in the great needs of rural Kansas that is the result of years of deferred maintenance. This fund would allow all cities an opportunity to address their specific water infrastructure needs in their communities.

We are also in support of the water projects grant fund. Through this allocation of \$15 million per year for five years we see the ability for additional construction, repair, maintenance, and potential replacement of water related infrastructure.

The establishment of the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund would be tools available to any city willing and able to utilize it. These tools could be extremely valuable for those cities who need the most assistance to access safe and clean drinking water.

The City of Parsons supports HB 2302 and asks this Committee to recommend it favorably for passage

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Lamb, City Manager

~ It's in our nature