



March 13, 2012

Energy and Utilities Committee
Kansas House of Representatives

Re: HB 2446 Motion to Amend

Dear Chairman Carl Holmes and Committee Members:

I am unable to attend the hearing regarding the motion to amend HB 2446 on Thursday, March 15, 2012. Please accept this written testimony in my absence.

I am of the opinion renewable projects not only provide a means of enhancing sources of environmentally clean production of energy, they are and need to continue to be in the mix of the various types of existing sources of energy production, destined to meet future demands for energy. With energy demand continuing to increase at an accelerated rate, and Kansas being ranked 2nd in the Nation as a favorable source for wind energy, I feel no opportunities should be missed to encourage renewable energy sources, since they have and will continue to result in jobs and economic development growth.

During the past recent years, I feel incentivized legislation has helped and will continue to attract developers of renewable energy projects to Kansas. Meade and Seward Counties are amidst the development of a wind farm that will benefit both counties with job and economic development growth, which will include jobs in construction, and production, plus capital input into their local economies.

Consequently, I feel no amendment(s) should be considered that will potentially discourage or curtail future investments and development of renewable energy sources in Kansas. They are another means to help meet future energy demands, particularly critical when time is of the essence, and renewable energy sources can be constructed and placed into production during a much shorter timeframe than other new non-renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,

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