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Letter in Opposition to House Resolution No. 6018

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To the Kansas House Committee on Energy & Utilities:

While it is not our purpose to defend the United Nations "Agenda 21" report, the Flint Hills Regional Council believes House Resolution No. 6018 would be detrimental to legitimate public processes by assigning negative intent to such phrases as "sustainable development," "regional visioning" and the like, where in reality these phrases are simply techniques or strategies a local community, or a region made up of local communities, may choose to employ when deciding its own best way forward.

These phrases are commonly used by communities and regions undertaking public processes to ensure their own future prosperity, and the use of these terms has no inherent connection to a supposed conspiracy to implement a United Nations agenda in the State of Kansas.

The Resolution is damaging, unhelpful, and unnecessary, in that it targets any person or entity using these terms as complicit in an alleged plot to eliminate private property ownership or otherwise curtail personal freedoms. This is certainly not the intent of the Flint Hills Regional Council in its activities.

In short, the Resolution paints any person or entity who employs these terms in a collaborative dialogue about their future as "guilty by association." In so doing, the Resolution actually does the very opposite of what it wants: it tells other communities how they should or shouldn't plan for their future, instead of leaving these decisions up to individual communities to decide locally. The Flint Hills Regional Council is therefore opposed to House Resolution No. 6018.

Thank you for considering these concerns as we all seek to provide the best possible future for Kansas through means that are locally determined.

Sincerely,

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