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To: House Committee on Government Efficiency

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Staff Attorney

Re: HB 2725

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities.

The League appears in opposition of HB 2725 because it would dismantle the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations (KACIR).

Ten years ago, the League and the Kansas Association of Counties worked with the Legislature to enact the legislation this bill proposes to repeal. We respectfully request that you do not repeal this legislation because it is an excellent way for local governments and legislators to come together, discuss concerns, and propose legislation that considers all aspects of government. Moreover, because State money has never been appropriated to the Council, there would not be a fiscal impact to the State if it were repealed.

For these reasons, we request that you do not take action on HB 2725. Thank you again for allowing me to appear before you today.