## Testimony for the House Energy Committee hearing on House Bill No. 2241

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Committee on Energy and the Environment:

I urge you to reject House Bill No. 2241 and to maintain the current Renewable Portfolio Standards. RPS has served Kansas well through creation of jobs, economic opportunity for farmers and ranchers, and responsible use of natural resources – especially water in a time of drought.

Creation of energy from renewable, local resources is a worldwide imperative for reduced dependence on exhaustible fossil fuels and reduction of carbon emissions - which may be the cause of our climate instability.

Kansas needs to maintain it support for the renewable energy industry to compete with neighboring states and make full use of its abundant solar and wind resources.

Please do not give Kansas the distinction of being one of the few states which do not grasp the logic and economic imperative of supporting renewable energy through cost effective programs such as RPS.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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