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February 8, 2013

Dear Representative Huebert:

The City of McPherson would like to express our support for the views expressed by the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility in their letter to you and the House Local Government Committee regarding HB 2072. We are opposed to this proposed legislation because it is potentially detrimental to the long-term cost of services for our citizens.

We agree that finding the lowest cost option for solid waste collection and handling is important, it is one of the reasons that the City of McPherson, McPherson County, and the other municipalities in McPherson County agreed to establish the McPherson Area Solid Waste Utility. We found that establishing a joint solid waste utility allowed all those who wished to participate the value that comes with economies of scale. When MASWU was formed it was determined that a partnership to share in costs for a utility that all municipalities could take advantage just made smart fiscal sense. By partnering, we have developed a utility that is mutually beneficial for each jurisdiction and the citizens utilizing the utility.

HB 2072 threatens the ability to form partnerships such as the MASWU and further shrinks MASWU's ability to form mutually beneficial partnerships with other jurisdictions outside of McPherson County.

We ask that the House Committee on Local Government consider opposing HB 2072 and end continued discussion on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas A. Brown".

Thomas A. Brown

Mayor of McPherson

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