

March 2, 2018  
Kansas House of Representatives  
Topeka, KS 66612

Ref: SB 405

Dear Representatives:

As a former school board member in Tonganoxie KS during the attempt to locate a Tyson facility in our community I am compelled to urge you to reject Senate Bill 405. It is very important to include local municipalities and school boards when considering such a drastic economic decision. We must also allow the community to have a final say in the event an industry that does not match the communities values is imposed upon that community.

When the Tyson plan was released the USD 464 Board of Education had not been notified, included or consulted on the matter. The impact upon our district would have been extensive and without notice it was received with skepticism.

The location of the plant did not consider the location of our K-8 campus (1,100 students) about a kilometer away. The disregard for the health and welfare of our children was alarming and supports rejecting SB 405. We were fortunate to have state senators that listened to their constituents however the legislation still went forward. Now we ask that all of our state Representatives reconsider SB 405 and reject it. We must work together at all levels of government, not just be dictated to at the lowest levels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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