



**House Energy, Utility and Telecommunication Committee**

**HB 2515 – Relating to Broadband Development; Concerning Income Tax Credits**

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**Written Only Neutral Testimony**

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Chairman Seiwert and members of the House Energy, Utility and Telecommunication Committee, the Kansas Rural Independent Telecommunication Coalition submits the following written neutral testimony regarding HB 2515.

This bill would provide a tax credit to any company that releases their customers in a rural area if they cannot or are unwilling to provide broadband service. This bill appears to be aimed at our larger telecommunication colleagues, so we will let them speak to the provisions of the bill. However, we think it is important to point out to the committee that if the time were to come where this is idea is attractive to our colleagues and they “release” customers the service area would need to have access to some form of an additional support mechanism.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.