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Re: Testimony – HB 2518

Dear House Committee on Local Government:

Thank you all for your hard work on putting HB 2518 together. I am writing this letter in hopes that you move this bill out of Committee and work together with your constituents to pass House Bill 2518 into law in 2022.

Getting House Bill 2518 passed will take care of many current issues affecting Benefit Districts in the State of Kansas. Bullets points below go into more details.

- Passing HB 2518 will give a voice to Homeowners, at this time many Homeowners do not have a voice
- HB 2518 would force developers to disclose special assessments within their contracts so the new Homeowner is 100% aware of what the potential costs will be if they purchase a home in a Benefit District.
- Passing HB 2518 would also force a current Homeowner to disclose to a potential buyer to the best of their ability information dealing with any special assessment that they are currently part of.
- Passing HB 2518 would help Cities that currently have Benefit Districts in place have one set of rules that they can follow . This would keep Cities from potentially changing the rules on an annual basis.
- If a city in Kansas is currently not using Benefit Districts but at some point, plans to implement one, passage of HB 2518 would give that city a roadmap to follow.
- Passing HB 2518 will force Cities, Developers and Homeowners to work together for the betterment of their communities.

Thank you all once again for your time and effort on HB 2518. I look forward to following the progress on HB 2518 as we move through the 2022 Legislative Session. Homeowners deserve a voice Getting HB 2518 out of Committee and passed this session should be a priority.

Sincerely,

Jeff Younger