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The Kansas State Senate
Committee on Utilities
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Senate Bill 323

Dear Chair Thompson, Vice Chair Peterson, Ranking Member Francisco, and Members of the Committee,

Savion, LLC ('Savion' or 'Company'), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Shell New Energies US, LLC, is a utility-scale solar and energy storage development company that is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri and employees 125 people, 42 of whom live in the state of Kansas. With a growing portfolio of more than 11 gigawatts (GW) of solar and energy storage projects, Savion's projects represent a future capital investment of over \$18 billion.

In Kansas, Savion has over 600 MWs of solar and storage projects in development that will amount to approximately \$725 million in capital investment and employ several hundred workers during construction should the projects have the opportunity to move forward.

Savion opposes Senate Bill 323 (SB 323), which would put unnecessary government regulations on contracts between private citizens and private companies.

The bill would require that developers approaching private landowners with an opportunity to host a renewable energy project and generate additional revenue from their land, provide the landowners with a dictated prompt warning them to hire an attorney and encouraging them to speak to their neighbors. Additionally, SB 323 imposes significant restrictions on exactly what the contracts can and cannot contain, dictates timelines, imposes terms which would prohibit solar projects from being financed, and gives the Kansas government other powers over private contracts.

This bill infantilizes private landowners who are capable of making decisions on their own and casts independent development companies as predatory. Savion, a business with strong roots in Missouri and Kansas, cares deeply about the communities where we are working, treating landowners and non-participating neighbors with respect and dignity. Savion cannot support a bill which imposes this level of government overreach and undue burden on companies trying to bring economic development and increase tax base to communities, many of which have struggled for years to attract new jobs and businesses.





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Savion appreciates your time and asks that the Committee vote "No" on SB 323. Further, Savion welcomes the opportunity to answer any questions the committee may have at this time.

Sincerely,

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