

My name is Bernard Sheff, PE and I am the Vice President of Biogas engineering at Montrose Environmental Group and the Chairman of the American Biogas Council. The ABC is the voice of the American biogas industry. I have been engaged in the design, construction and operation of biogas and renewable energy facilities since 1991. I am writing today in support of the referenced bill, SB 71.

This is impressive proposed legislation that will provide tremendous opportunities to the farm communities where the technology can be employed making both renewable natural gas from the biogas but will allow the local decentralized generation of fertilizers. This is a situation that needs to be taken very seriously given the lessons from the past year and how disturbances in Europe have destabilized world fertilizer supply. The moves to sustainable agriculture are worldwide and this proposed legislation brings Kansas to the world stage.

Beyond the generation of renewable energy and fertilizers there is something much more important here, the sustainability of the farm operation; and a strong farm base means strong communities surrounding the farms. Investment in the sustainability of the rural communities with the incentives to make renewable energy and fertilizers is a positive step in long-term economic viability.

On behalf of the American Biogas Council and Montrose Environmental Group we applaud and fully support this proposed legislation. This will make a positive impact in the Kansas Rural Communities. Montrose is currently engaged in a digester project in the Garden City area and we certainly hope to engage in more projects throughout the state in the future.

Sincerely,

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