

To the Chairman and Members of the Local Government Committee;

My Name is Carrie Kernel, I live at 4170 SE 40th ST. Columbus Kansas 66725. I have a Columbus Address, I pay Riverton # 404 taxes, I am in Riverton School District and I am closest to Riverton, Kansas. My Children have went to Riverton School Systems.

This letter is in respect to the "Annexation Bill".

I have been a resident of Cherokee County, Kansas since 1975. My Father moved us here from Paterson N.J. at the age of 12 years old to be with the rest of his family. My Father moved us here because of the quality of life his children and grandchildren would receive in comparison to Paterson, NJ. If you have ever lived in the city, or close to a Large City like New York City, You definitely would know what I am talking about. Thus saying that, over the years we have cherished and loved Cherokee County for the Primitive Country & Small towns. Each town has its very own special uniqueness that bares a story. Some towns are Unincorporated & some are Incorporated. Personally, as well I am speaking for my family, and Myself, We like it that way.

However, when another town thinks they have the right to purchase a piece of property in a sister town and annex it into their town is so wrong. It breaks up our community, it breaks up our landscape. And they did this without any of the community members knowing. What gives them that right to do so ?? What give a Mayor the authority of one small town to make a decision so large without the entire County knowing. Not only that what is the reason for such said annexation ? A Landfill ! For what ?? Why ?? Why do we need another landfill in the middle of a Wheat Field, on a State Highway ?

Our County is promoting tourism on Old Hwy 66, which adjoins 69 A. I personally own property on 69 A in Crestline, Kansas. I see the traffic coming back and forth and 12 months out of the year. It is phenomenal in the summer, people and family traveling to the " Mother Road". So by all means lets put a Island annexation on 69A, with future plans for a Landfill, which will bring disease, sickness, and all negative aspects from what I can see.

Personally, I am so appalled by the audacity, that a mayor of another town can make these changes and plans in our landscape and community with out letting the State, or County residents know previously. This is a very braisen move on his part, and his council to do so.

I at this point can only pray that Our State Chairman and Local Government Committee can stop this right now before it goes any further.

With All Due Respect to Riverton, Kansas ~ I Do not want Island Annexation on Lostine & 69A Hwy, or any part of Cherokee County.

This action took the vote and voice away from the people that are being effected. Please Hear My Voice!

Sincerely, Carrie Elizabeth Rago-Kernel

