

To the Chairman and Members of the Local Government Committee,

This letter is being submitted to you in support of HB2003. As you know, recent actions by the Galena City Council have resulted in an uproar in our corner of the state. A CITY government has decided on their own that they have found a solution, or a quick and easy fix, to their landfill problem using the current land annexation laws. By their actions, that CITY has decided that they know what is best for our COUNTY. Galena bypassed our ELECTED county officials (commissioners); those that our entire county has chosen to represent their voice, as well as any other local economic development groups who study and develop the ideas specifically targeted for future growth of SE Kansas to see if there was even a need (or the best place if a need was found).

Their actions would have a huge impact on our area, unfortunately not in a positive way. Hundreds of acres of farmland would be lost, decrease of property values, deterioration of roads (I could go on), but most importantly, the health of our future - our children - are all at risk. I was not raised in this area, however I CHOSE to live in this area and to raise my children here, which is currently three miles from the proposed site. This decision that they made (on their own) will affect many people.

Not only has the landfill proven to be unneeded, but the actions of a few city officials who decided on their own what the county needs, and their actions to make that happen by island annexing acres MILES away from their city border, are incomprehensible to me. How are these actions just and fair? This must be stopped.

I appreciate your time reading this letter and hope you will support this bill.

Thank you,
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