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To: michael.houser@house.ks.gov

To the Chairman and Members of the Local Government Committee;

My Name is Marla Larison, I live at 3306 SE Boston Mills Rd.. 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 went to Riverton School Systems and two of my grandsons attend there now.. This letter is in respect to the "Annexation Bill".

I have been a resident of Cherokee County my entire life growing up on a farm in the country NW of Columbus. Coming from a farming family and owning acreage in the country I resent the fact that any city feels they can "island annex" property without hearing the views of the neighbors in that vicinity is just wrong. When another town thinks they have the right to purchase a piece of property not adjoining their city limits and annex it into their town is so wrong. It breaks up our communities, 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 gives 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 and the State of Kansas are promoting tourism on Route 66, which adjoins 69 A. Highway 69A is bordering the Frontier Military Historic Byway. This route follows the path of the old Military Road. The State of Kansas has gone to a lot of time and effort to promote the

byways in the State of Kansas to promote tourism and improve visitation to our state. Having a large landfill go in this area

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 callous move on his part, and his council to do so. There should be a due process to effectively research such a project.

My grandchildren live across the road from this proposed landfill site, I realize that island annexation has nothing to do with this particular landfill but this particular instance the outcome will affect my family in the future concerning their financial investment in their home, and their health in the years to come. This particular project is very personal to me but the next project will affect others. Landowners must be protected from the greedy and irresponsible type of persons that feel their best interest outweigh the interests of the homeowners and family members.

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 without a thorough review of the reasons and a study of the cause and effect.

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