

Fire District #1 – Johnson County Kansas

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February 18th, 2016

The Honorable Ralph Ostmeyer Chairman

Senate Standing Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Dear Senator Ostmeyer:

SUBJECT HB 2438 by Representative Merrick

I'm Dennis Meyers Asst. Chief Fire District #1 of Johnson County I'm here to testify in favor of House Bill 2438 concerning Fire District's taking over fire protection for the city and the residents to be taxed under the taxing authority of the Fire District.

History: In 2010 the Fire District made an agreement with the City of Gardner, Kansas to take over the Fire and EMS response for the city for an contract amount, it was also agreed at some point the residents of the city would fall under the taxing authority of the fire district.

At the May 4th 2015 City Council meeting the council voted to allow the Fire District in 2017 to tax the residents of the city under the taxing authority of the Fire District for fire service and EMS response.

House Bill 2438 will allow this to occur in 2017.

Sincerely,

Dennis Meyers

Dennis Meyers Asst. Chief