



**To: Chairman Rahjes
Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**

**From: Ellen Parker, Associate Attorney
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RE: Proponent Testimony SB 120

Chairman and Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide WaterOne's support for Senate Bill 120. WaterOne is the public water supply system for 475,000 customers in Johnson County within a 272 square mile service territory.

WaterOne operates and maintains 2,700 miles of water main. In 2022, WaterOne replaced over 12.64 miles of aging infrastructure and added 21.8 miles of new main due to development. WaterOne has professional engineers on staff that prepare plans for its distribution main replacements and extensions.

By allowing distribution main extensions and replacements to proceed without additional permits, Senate Bill 120 will increase efficiency for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment by reducing its workload without sacrificing quality or safety.

Therefore, WaterOne respectfully requests Senate Bill 120 be passed by the Committee.