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Senate Commerce Committee
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SB 47

Kansas Association of Counties
Opponent Testimony

Chairwoman Erickson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony in opposition of SB 47, which would prohibit cities and counties from regulating plastic bags and other containers and single use items consistent with the wishes of their residents.

KAC has long supported legislation provides for local control. SB 47 does the opposite. Rather than enhancing local control, SB 47 pre-empts local control by forbidding the regulation of plastic bags, containers and other single use items at the local level.

Let it be clear that the Kansas Association of Counties takes no position on whether a county *should* regulate these items. That is a decision better left to the locally elected leaders in those areas. If there is a local desire amongst residents to have those items regulated, local leaders should be able to do so. If there is not, local leaders do not have to. SB 47, however, removes that option entirely by allowing the state to pre-empt that decision and eliminate local control.

KAC opposes this level of pre-emption and therefore opposes SB 47. KAC would respectfully ask this committee to reject SB 47. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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