

Good morning, Senators.

Thank you for introducing and working in Committee this important bipartisan bill that helps the citizens of Kansas. A citizen petition has been a legal avenue for the residents of Kansas to be heard. Too many times, our government is too busy or doesn't understand the issues that real Kansans are dealing with at home. KSA 12-3013 was intended to allow the citizens to vote on issues if their representatives were not listening or not allowing the residents' voices to be heard. This happens on both sides of the aisle. So, what happens when the citizens write a petition, work hard to get the signatures, and submit? Too many times, cities claim "administrative" reasons or use other loopholes to cast the residents hard work away. We residents are losing hope of being heard or even valued. It is time to close the loopholes, so regular citizen's voices can be heard. The cities and counties use "our taxpayer" dollars to file lawsuits or to create blockades for our rights.

I strongly urge you to hear the people of Kansas. To support the people of Kansas. Please move Senate Bill 474 forward. Let the people be heard!

Sincerely

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