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Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee
Sen. Mike Thompson, Chair
Kansas State Capitol, Room 548-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Written Testimony from Randy Frazer, City of Arkansas City, Opposing SB 474

I am writing to express my concerns regarding SB 474 and its potential ramifications on administrative ordinance restrictions in our state.

SB 474 seeks to eliminate administrative ordinance restrictions outlined in K.S.A 12-3013, which would allow citizen petitions to overturn administrative ordinances. This alteration has the potential to disrupt essential services and undermine the efficient functioning of our local governments.

Allowing citizen petitions to challenge administrative acts could result in numerous consequences. For instance, decisions regarding the location of municipal facilities, the management of public utilities, zoning regulations, employee salaries, and public safety measures could be subject to overturning. This could lead to confusion, inefficiency, and potentially hazardous situations within our communities.

Furthermore, the potential implications of SB 474 extend beyond local governance. It is essential to consider whether similar principles would be applied to state government operations. Legislators must fully comprehend the far-reaching impact of this bill on all aspects of city operations and public welfare.

As a concerned citizen, I urge you to carefully evaluate the consequences of SB 474 and consider the broader implications for our communities. I respectfully request that you oppose this bill in its current form and work towards solutions that uphold the integrity of our local governance structures and ensure the delivery of essential services to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Randy Frazer,
City Manager,
City of Arkansas City