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Gentlemen:

I currently reside in Council Grove, Morris County, having been a lifelong resident of Kansas and involved in the communities in which I have lived for more than 50 years. I am writing in response to the pressure to change the 3-mile zoning law allowing cities to take authority over lands in those areas. I believe these changes are not in the best interests of either the county residents being affected by such a change nor the city residents who will now have more tax liability assigned to them for such a move. Neither group will fare well at tax time.

Please vote to repeal the 3 mile law in the interests of Kansans and your constituents who have chosen to live in the county or have chosen to live in the city. The 3 mile boundary separating county from towns/cities should be continued.

City officials should not have jurisdiction over those living in the county or vice versa. We have each made our choices on where we prefer to live and many times have invested quite deeply into our own property development and livelihood where we choose to live. County folks do not have the right to vote in city matters that affect them directly. These decisions are being arbitrarily decided in council meetings and not put to the whole public's vote. Due process rarely happens, no notification on many changes being considered.

Those who choose to live out in the county have no legal right to vote for city matters, and city residents do not vote on matters outside of the city limits. Unincorporated areas of the county have very little choice in anything when it comes to local governments. As it stands right now. They do own their land and that seems to be the drive by cities to usurp their rights and take their properties for their own expansion projects. City governing officials should have no authority over this 3 mile zone beyond the city boundaries.

Please support and vote for these bills to repeal the state law allowing cities to extend zoning regulations up to 3 miles into unincorporated areas of a county.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration.

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Council Grove