January 26, 2025

Dear House Representatives,

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.

SB 37 HB 2025

Our family are 4<sup>th</sup> generation landowners residing on 140 acres of farmland in the 3 mile zone in Kansas, I appeal to you to help our family!

Please protect county property owners from city encroachment, urban sprawl and destroying our agricultural lifestyle!

Cities should not have jurisdiction over those living in the county. We have no legal right to vote for city council and mayoral races or on city taxation and bonding issues and therefore, the city governing officials should have no authority over this 3 mile zone beyond the city boundaries.

Please preserve our agricultural community from urban sprawl which would destroy our agricultural lifestyle, thousands of acres of vital soil, crops, and cattle-ranching. Agriculture - crops and cattle in Kansas are leading economic producers suppling the nation with food sources so it does not have to be imported in from other countries. Cities often want to destroy agricultural land to expand boundaries and build industries.

Please vote to repeal the 3 mile law in the interests of Kansans and your constituents who have chosen to live in the county for a quiet country setting, an agricultural lifestyle, and to escape the urban sprawl.

This request is written only and it will not be accompanied by an oral presentation.

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