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House Welfare Reform Committee
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HB 2101

Kansas Association of Counties
Opponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Averkamp and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer opponent testimony on HB 2101, which would prohibit cities and counties from adopting and implementing guaranteed income programs.

The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) and its member counties believe in the principle of local control, that government closest to the people is best positioned to be responsive to the needs of the people. For that reason, KAC and its members oppose legislation that prevents county government from exercising its authority.

Whether a guaranteed income program is a good idea for any individual county is a decision best left to each individual county. Perhaps a county wants to use an incentive to attract more residents in the same way that economic development incentives are offered to businesses, or wants to offer this incentive in concert with the rural opportunity zone or other incentive program.

Counties should not be prevented from using creative solutions to attract residents to their community. This is an issue of local control.

KAC opposes HB 2101 as an invasion of local control and would ask that the committee not advance this legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this perspective on this legislation.

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