

Good afternoon Committee Members

My name is Cheryl Musick. My husband and I are ordinary people who pay our bills and balance the checkbook. We pay our own trash bill in southern Johnson County. My husband takes out the trash on Monday morning and our company we contract with picks it up. We pay \$29.14 per month to have our trash picked up once a week. When gas prices go up, they usually add on a little more. Some of our neighbors use a different company, some use the same as we do.

When we noticed that counties and/or cities are telling companies what can and cannot be picked up, I looked at my checkbook again. I thought perhaps I was making the check out wrong---but there it was---my trash company is who I pay, NOT Johnson County or Overland Park or the State Treasurer. Our contract for service is with one company.

IF a company wants to offer 'greener services' for a lower price or a higher price, that is their choice. IF a company wants to charge you more or less for services, that is their choice. AND if we want to pay for more or less services OR get another company, that is our choice.

We are not anti-green, nor are we wasteful----we are sensible. We reuse, make do or do without----which seems to me the best form of recycling there is. As I read this bill, to be honest, I had to read it many times to understand all the vocabulary. But I do understand that the local government should not be telling the company I pay, whether or not they can pick up my trash.

Companies who 'monitor and adjust' to what their customers want/need will stay in business. The free market system will set the prices.

Until I write my trash pickup check to Johnson County Treasurer, my trash decisions should be between my husband and I and the company we choose to pay.

At the end of the day, I am the one that writes the check for our trash pickup----we are the ordinary people, with ordinary trash and individual rights that are precious to us.

It is an honor to speak in this cherished building where I hope individual rights are protected.

Cheryl Musick