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Senate Commerce Committee
Chairperson Brownlee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: HB 2316 Direct Deposit of Wages

Dear Senator Brownlee:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Shawnee to support the Senate Commerce Committee in passing HB 2316 which would allow for the use of electronic deposit for the payment of wages in a broader scope. The City of Shawnee finds that direct deposit and other electronic payment methods such as payroll cards are efficient and commonly accepted business practices. Currently, the City provides electronic payment for over 69 percent of our employees. This technology has proved to increase efficiency in our payroll department and has eliminated some of the administrative work to oversee the distribution of paper checks. With the passage of HB 2316, the City could eliminate the need for paper checks and could have the option to enhance our efficiency by adopting a completely electronic system for payroll. In addition, employees could benefit by knowing that their wages are accurately and consistently deposited into their personal bank accounts or available on payroll cards.

The City of Shawnee supports legislative efforts which would allow for the use of electronic deposit for the payment of wages in a broader scope. Thank you for the opportunity to present this written testimony on behalf of the City of Shawnee. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact me at (913)631-2500 or cgonzales@cityofshawnee.org.

Sincerely,



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