

Testimony on HB 2241; An Act concerning renewable energy portfolio standards.
Presented to the Kansas House Committee on Energy and Environment

Chairman Hedke and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing us to submit written testimony on behalf of the United Steelworkers Local 307 in opposition to HB 2241.

The United Steelworkers, through our membership in the Blue Green Alliance, is committed to the values of environmental protection, workplace safety, and advancing the clean economy as a strategy for revitalizing American manufacturing and to create good, middle-class jobs right here in Kansas and all across the country. It is because of our dedication to these values that we urge you to oppose the proposed measures on HB 2241.

Existing policy in Kansas has allowed our State's renewable energy industry to flourish since its inception in 2001. There are great number of benefits to maintaining the RPS at the current rate and continuing to expand it over time. Our current policy has directly created more than 13,000 jobs since 2001, all while creating an additional revenue source for many Kansas landowners across the state.

There have also been several companies in Kansas to benefit from this investment in wind energy through the manufacturing/ supplying of parts, engineering, development, education, transmission, operation, and maintenance of wind turbines. Our currently policy in Kansas not only invests in renewable energy but also in Kansas companies, workers, and our communities.

Continuing to expand the RPS in a pro-growth, pro-job, common sense policy that Kansas has already seen great success with. We urge the Committee to maintain the current direction already in place and oppose the measures presented in HB 2241.

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