Hon. Steve Huebert, Chair

House Local Government Committee:

As owners of several properties in and around the proposed Historic District in Chanute, Kansas. We would very much like to voice our opposition to the proposed "environs" section included on this and other Historic properties throughout the state.

To take away the property rights of one for the benefit of another is totally unacceptable. Individuals that would otherwise have no benefit in these "environs" are subject to the whims of an unelected committee local or otherwise.

The belief that politics won't come into play because of local control concerning the "environs" we fear is misguided. There are plenty of area's in government where sometimes actions need to be taken for the greater good. This instance in our opinion is not one of those times.

We believe that every property owner has the right to decide whether or not they wish to subject themselves to the rules and regulations regarding historic properties. The unintended consequences and unfunded mandates are not acceptable in our opinion.

The government officials involved in this day and time we are sure are not going to be the problem. It is the future unelected committee appointees that may have an entirely different agenda and vision of what their powers are and will be.

With this in mind we would very much support the proposed bill hb2118. We want to thank the committee for allowing us to participate and appreciate your due diligence in this matter.

Sincerely,

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