



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE

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Chair Rep. Steve Huebert and Vice-Chair Rep. Tom Phillips and committee members, I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 2074.

My name is Dennis Enslinger and I am the Solid Waste Administrator for the City of Prairie Village. The City of Prairie Village implemented city-wide curbside recycling in 1990 and city-wide curbside yard waste composting in 1994. Over the past two decades, these two programs have been highly successful by providing residents with a very cost effective and efficient method of recycling and composting.

Our community believes it is strategically important to provide recycling and composting efforts to reduce the amount of materials deposited in local landfills and thereby increase the longevity of this important regional resource.

Johnson County has spent considerable time and effort to develop a plan to comply with Kansas Statutes regarding solid waste management. The City of Prairie Village actively participated in the development of the Johnson County Solid Waste Management plan and believes that every effort was made to develop a plan that was in the best interest of all county residents.

Without the commitment to recycling and composting efforts, our community will be faced with a greater increase in the pricing structure as the need for a new local landfill will arrive sooner than is currently anticipated under the plan adopted by Johnson County. Finding a location for a new landfill in Johnson County will be difficult and could ultimately lead to transfer stations causing greater solid waste transportation costs if a suitable site cannot be approved in Johnson County.

For this reason and the City of Prairie Village's commitment to recycling and composting efforts, we oppose HB 2074.

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