



## City of Phillipsburg

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Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee  
Senator Dennis Pyle, Chairman  
State Capitol  
Topeka, KS

RE: HB 2141 amendment regarding public funds for lobbying

Dear Senator Pyle and Senate Committee Members:

Please note my continued opposition to any legislation which will limit the communication between local government which is closest to the people and the state legislature. By not allowing local government employees and local government organizations such as the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM), Kansas Association of Counties (KAC), Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA), and Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) to communicate the pros and cons of proposed legislation you have severely limited the opportunity for the legislature to make well informed decisions. Without our voices you will only hear from those paid for profit lobbyists who work for corporations and special interest groups that often really do not know, nor do they care, how legislation will affect local government as a whole. Who will be able to speak up for the good of the community?

Please do not support the amendment to HB2141 and limit the voice of local government. Local government issues are important and you need to hear from us. I appreciate your willingness to serve Kansans but please do so by welcoming our comments whether we agree or disagree.

Sincerely,

Brenda L. Chance  
City Clerk of Phillipsburg Kansas  
President of the League of Kansas Municipalities