



Neighborhoods in partnership with government

February 29, 2016

Re: HB 2665 opposition

Dear Representative Hutton,

On behalf of the Livable Neighborhoods Taskforce, I am writing to oppose the passage of HB 2665.

Since 1995, this volunteer citizen lead taskforce has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for the residents, business owners, and visitors of Kansas City's neighborhoods. We have a strong collaborative and cooperative relationship with the City and fully support all efforts to make our streets and neighborhoods safe, vital and successful. The Livable Neighborhoods Taskforce, in partnership with Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas was instrumental in researching, developing and advocating for the legislative changes necessary to establish our local rental licensing department.

Since its inception, the Rental Licensing department has helped to eliminate blight caused by absentee landlords who have been plaguing our neighborhoods for decades. By insuring that landlords follow a minimal standard of building and maintenance code, we can make sure that our neighbors as well as our neighborhoods are safe and clean.

The passage of HB 2665 will undoubtable jeopardize the quality of life within our neighborhoods and could begin to undo the 20 years of change we have partnered to achieve in regards to rental property reform.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Soptick, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Soptick, Jr.
Board President