



February 18th, 2020

To: Committee on Commerce, Labor & Economic Development
From: Mayor Lou Cicirello, City of Valley Center

Re: HB 2703 – Written Opponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Tarwater and Committee Members:

Thank you, Chairman and Committee, for allowing me to submit testimony on HB 2703. The City of Valley Center is opposed to this legislation because it is a profoundly flawed bill. Current legislation is sufficient.

The City of Valley Center, in working with Sedgwick County, should be able to establish and amend our own building codes and not have to defer to any state-designated building code standards. We should be allowed to pass more stringent code in order to ensure high quality construction. The local jurisdictions have a better pulse of what is needed in terms of building code and not every community or region in the state is the same.

For these reasons, I ask that Committee not to pass HB 2703 out of this committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lou Cicirello". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lou Cicirello
Mayor