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TO: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

FROM: Tim Danneberg, Director of Communications and Customer Service

SUBJECT: Opposition to SB 294

Olathe continues to be one of Kansas' fastest growing communities. Along with other Johnson County cities, we have seen the majority of all residential and economic growth in the state. That growth is critical to our state's economic success and that growth has, and continues to, occur without passage of a bill similar to SB 294.

Unfortunately, the bill is a disincentive to attracting growth. Growth is extremely expensive requiring many millions of dollars in infrastructure and millions more in added service costs. If that growth continues, SB 294 could lead to much of that cost being incurred without creating new revenue. **In essence, it could lead to growth becoming economically unsustainable.**

The City of Olathe has multiple concerns about SB 294 and urge you to understand its impact on local efforts to create both economic and residential growth. As we all work to strengthen Kansas' economy and welcome or keep residents in our state, please consider steps to strengthen our abilities to do so rather than undermine them.