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Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Topeka, KS  
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Honorable Senators,

*President Eisenhower at end of his Presidency quoted:*

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

We have sent our Kansas men and women to fight and die for our country without declaring war since the Korean conflict. Ever since WWII, we have not declared war with disastrous results. The cost of lives and financial resources is incalculable. We have never recovered from either.

One huge example is the twenty-year, undeclared war in Afghanistan. We poured trillions of dollars into the conflict trying to help their people. What we got in return is nothing but thousands of dead and injured Americans. We didn't even use the Afghan's natural resources to help pay for everything.

Tragically, we abruptly pulled out of Afghanistan leaving over a trillion dollars' worth of military planes, tanks, missiles, guns, vehicles, and other equipment in which the Taliban and Al-Qaeda now use against their own people. Ironically, China now is mining all the natural resources in Afghanistan and gives nothing back to help the people.

If our country is attacked, or our way of life is threatened, I believe we can avoid the disasters of Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan conflicts by declaring war. Declaring war means we are in it to win it!! We will also use the resources of that country to help pay for our expenses.

We do have constitutional law to back us up on passing SB370. The 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

I pray Kansas will lead this effort to follow the constitution and protect our people from needless, endless undeclared wars!

Sincerely,

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