



Senate 24 Support

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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce supports Senate Bill 24 which prohibits municipalities from restricting an energy customer's use of a public utility based upon the source of energy to be delivered to such customer.

If Kansas communities are to compete for the jobs of the future, they will need all the tools at their disposal, including clean, affordable energy. Innovations in the energy sector have brought forth many promising new opportunities for businesses to lower their energy costs and reduce their carbon footprint. Some local governments, though, have taken action to unilaterally restrict the range of options, such as natural gas, available to energy consumers. This kind of patchwork of municipal restrictions will place Kansas and its localities at a competitive disadvantage without necessarily making any meaningful headway toward the otherwise laudable goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The best approach to such clean energy goals is to develop a long-term statewide energy plan.

For these reasons, we urge you to support Senate Bill 24.

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