

To the Members of the Senate Utilities Committee,

My name is Matthew Dunn and I live in Lawrence. I am writing to submit testimony opposing Senate Bill No. 24. This bill presents itself as preserving a customer's choice in energy suppliers, but in reality, it suppresses the will of Kansans by preventing municipalities from transitioning to clean energy. Clean energy is popular, safe, profitable, and urgently needed to stop the climate crisis we face as a state, nation, and world.

Fossil fuel jobs are bubble jobs. They will not last. Instead of protecting and supporting the dying fossil fuel industry, we should be focused instead on facilitating a just economic transition away from natural gas and other harmful pollutants and towards Kansas' abundant renewable energy sources like solar and wind. Kansas must be proactively preparing workers for the renewable energy economy, not giving them false assurances of long-term job security. I urge you to support Kansans and our economic future by rejecting this bill.

Sincerely,

Matthew Dunn