

January 21, 2021

Members of the Senate Utilities committee,

In my capacity as a resident of Kansas, I urge you to **please oppose the Energy Choice Act, SB 24.**

State and local governments work collaboratively to provide citizens with many public services. As a local branch of government, the City of Overland Park understands our citizens' needs and is better suited to respond to those needs effectively and efficiently. We respect state government's role but will continue to advocate for the protection of home rule authority to ensure our citizen's needs are met. **We favor governance at the local level.**

The City of Overland Park supports legislation that encourages and funds local sustainability efforts including but not limited to: energy conservation, water conservation, renewable energy, healthy soil, good air quality, green infrastructure, and clean transportation. As such, the City supports the development of a state energy plan that encourages energy efficient technologies, the development, procurement, and use of low-emitting and renewable energy sources, and supports incentives for residential and commercial customers to invest in energy efficient programs.

Wishing you safety and health,

Logan Heley

Councilmember, City of Overland Park, Ward 1