



THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VILLAGE
STAR OF KANSAS

TO: Chairman Thompson and Members of the Senate Utilities Committee
FROM: Jamie Robichaud, Deputy City Administrator, City of Prairie Village, KS
SUBJECT: Testimony in Opposition of SB 24
DATE: January 21, 2021

The City of Prairie Village appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 24, which would prohibit municipalities from imposing restrictions on a customer's use of energy based upon the source of energy. We support local control and acknowledge that our local elected officials best know their constituents' and communities' needs. We also support a statewide energy plan that directly recognizes and begins addressing these issues.

Prairie Village considers the climate crisis a public policy priority and is committed to exploring ways to better use renewable resources into the future. Prairie Village, as outlined in our legislative platform, "supports policy makers at all levels of government elevating sustainability, carbon emission reduction, and carbon capture to be included among the top line of policy priorities."

We believe the state would be better served by the adoption of a state energy plan that would help guide investments in clean energy generation and would identify steps to increase support for affordable, reliable energy with opportunities to attract high-paying energy jobs to the state. Kansas and public utilities have the opportunity to realize significant returns from continued investment in renewable energy. Energy efficiency saves money, drives investment across all sectors of the economy, creates jobs, and reduces the environmental impact of energy use.

We value the vital service the natural gas industry provides to our communities and residents, and we do not believe our commitment to sustainability should hinder that relationship. We also believe our local communities are best poised to make decisions about their future, especially those that have the potential to impact the health and public safety of our residents long-term. We look forward to working across industries and with diverse partners to ensure our Kansas communities are at the forefront of adopting responsible, sustainable, and affordable renewable practices.

Thank you for your consideration.