

Members of the Senate Utilities Committee,

I live on a farm in rural Douglas County. I served on our local school board for twelve years and recently on the Lawrence-Douglas County Metropolitan Planning Commission for six years. I'm also a grandmother.

Climate scientists tell us we have less than thirty years to bring greenhouse gas emissions to net zero. Otherwise the world we pass on to our grandchildren, will be one of devastating weather, resulting in economic tolls, disrupted agriculture, famine, and increasing refugee crises. Government at every level must act now to reduce greenhouse gasses.

And yet SB24 would prevent local municipalities from acting in the best interest of their communities. Rather than working to reduce our greenhouse gasses, this bill aims to prevent local governments from doing so. My question is "Why?" Why would the Kansas Senate wish to usurp the responsibilities of municipalities?

From my experience, I know elected bodies work best when they have the freedom to do so. Please do not limit the effectiveness of our local governments. Kansans deserve better. Our grandchildren deserve better.

Please vote "no" on SB24.

Sincerely,
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