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Subject: House Bill 2145

Senator Mike Thompson
Chair, Utilities Committee
Kansas State Capital
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Thompson:

As the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Environmental Coordinator for the State of Kansas, I would like to express our support for House Bill 2145 (HB 2145). Please share these comments with the members of the Utilities Committee.

As proposed, HB 2145 would exclude from the definition of “public utility” the activity of corporations, individuals, etc. engaged in the sale of electricity for the sole purpose of providing electric vehicle charging service to an end user. As I previously testified to at the House hearing on this bill on 2 February 2021 and the Senate hearing on SB 133 on 10 February 2021, the Army plans on more of its fleet and light reconnaissance vehicles becoming electric vehicles. By allowing for private ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging stations without being regulated as a public utility, this bill will support the increase of electric vehicle charging stations in Kansas and, thus, enhance the infrastructure for electric vehicles. Accordingly, the U.S. Department of Defense supports House Bill 2145.

I intend to provide verbal testimony in support of this bill at the hearing on 15 March 2021. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need any additional information. I can be reached at (816) 389-3448, or by email at Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

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