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Kansas Senate Utilities Committee

Testimony in Support of SB 323

Submitted by Shirley Estrada

Chairman Mike Thompson and members of the committee:

My name is Shirley Estrada, a private citizen of Neosho County, Kansas.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of SB 323, which I believe is needed in order to provide transparency to landowners, who are considering signing a wind or solar lease, the ability without on-the-spot in-person pressure from the wind developer and/or their agent the time to read, study, consult an attorney, and to discuss with their neighbors. Most importantly, landowners are provided notice that encourages such and that changes to the lease may be negotiated.

While I have not signed a lease with any kind that restricts the use of my property, I have read a wind lease agreement that was provided to prospective landowners for leasing of property in Neosho County for the Neosho Ridge Wind electrical generation project. With so many restrictions to the landowner and language in favor of the developer and/or their agent, I can only wonder how many landowners might have benefitted if such a SB323 had been enacted.