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Senate Utilities Committee
Proponent Testimony for SB478

Chairman Thompson and Senators, Petersen, Francisco, Bowers, Claeys,
Corson, Fagg, Hawk, Olson, Pyle and Warren

My name is Ted Lischer, an engaged private citizen and not a lobbyist and I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you today about something that will improve our state, the addition of Aircraft Detection Light Mitigation Systems on wind turbines in Kansas.

While I am not a native Kansan, I got here as fast as I could when I was 18 and other than a short stint on the Missouri side I've never left. I am probably the biggest Kansas nerd, in fact I've made it a point that all of my children not only were born in Kansas but also I've made sure that my family has visited each of the famous 8 Wonders of Kansas.

One of the unique treasures of Kansas is it's wide open vistas like what you see from the western Flint Hills all the way through the western part of our state. A few feet of elevation opens up a truly inspiring view.

When the first wind farms started going in Ellsworth County they were a novelty, but one of the things that was always irksome is the synchronized flashing of the anti collision lights that now touch about every part of the horizon in Central and Western Kansas. The dark of a clear Kansas night, where we could see thousands of stars with our naked eyes is now distracted with, in some cases over a hundred simultaneous red blinking lights.

With the topography in much of our state and the height of some of the newer towers these fields of lights can now be seen as far as 30 miles away and can cover about 1000 square miles.

Thankfully the Aircraft Detection Light Mitigation technology is an affordable and readily available solution to address this issue.

Success is sometimes difficult to measure, however when you hear Kansas talk about the old days when the red blinking lights used to be everywhere but now you can see the stars without distraction, you will know that we did the right thing.

I ask you to pass SB478.

Thank you for your time today