

DATE: March 13, 2023

TO: The honorable Rep. Will Carpenter, Chair
House Federal and State Affairs Committee

RE: HB 2446

Dear Chair Carpenter and Committee Members

I write in opposition to HB 2446. It is patently wrong to erect a barrier to solutions to the crisis of single-use plastics flooding our environment. It is also wrong to do so by the abrogation of Home Rule by cities and counties.

Single-use plastic packaging is *designed to be discarded!* It then adds to our already troublesome landfill issues. It works its way into our streams and rivers, poisoning our environment, killing wildlife, and eventually becoming microplastics, which then enter the food chain.

This bill creates a ban on Kansas communities' efforts to stem this flood of pollution. It flies in the face of those who espouse the value of local government action. Action that allows local governments to respond to their citizens' needs and concerns.

This kind of overreach explains why Kansas is losing population. Once again it holds us up as backward, anti-science and provincial.

Kansas once had a proud history of pragmatic progressivism. We once reached for innovative solutions to modern challenges. We should reclaim this history. I urge you to reject HB 2446.

Sincerely,

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