

Honorable Representative Bergquist and committee members,

Thank you for your commitment to giving HB 2150 a fair hearing. I am writing in support of this bill. As a rural Kansas resident, I do not want City zoning boards establishing zoning ordinances over rural county landowners. Our needs are unique compared to urban dwellers. Application of city zoning ordinances to the neighboring county could infringe on our rights as landowners and our ability to produce food.

When city and county zoning boards are combined, the majority of members tend to represent those in urban communities. Those in rural areas do not get to vote for any of these city commissioners or zoning board members who are making critical decision on how their land can be used. This lack of representation is unethical and has the potential for serious consequences.

Oklahoma and Nebraska are taking steps to protect our land. It is time for Kansas to take action. <https://americanstewards.us/oklahoma-bill-gives-local-governments-authority-to-deny-conservation-easements/> <https://americanstewards.us/?s=Nebraska> . Please protect our land from those who are using Metropolitan Zoning boards, conservation easements and other tactics to remove private land ownership and enact the Biden 30 X 30 agenda. We desperately need your representation.

Most Respectfully,

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