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Proponent Testimony HB2150:

Chairman Bergquist and Local Government Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony and considering this important piece of legislation. Amending KSA 12-749 is an advantage for the following reasons:

1. Repealing the language will not affect zoned counties and should not affect current interlocal agreements between cities and counties.
2. Citizens who chose to live in the county did so for many reasons. The primary reason is they wanted rural living, especially with small farms.
3. The previous language allowing cities to regulate subdivisions within three miles encourages urbanization. Greater urbanization means we lose rural character.
4. County citizens do not want to be regulated by cities near them.
5. Having some of the county land annexed into cities has made county residents subject to higher taxes and with the current inflation rate, no resident can afford tax increases. The increased taxes in this state, county and cities are encouraging residents to move out of state.
6. County residents within that 3-mile area are subject to more restrictive city ordinances, licensing and regulations that do not apply to rural communities, hence why rural citizens moved to the county.
7. Annexation could create an indirect liability issue for cities. For example, small farms being subject to city ordinances, regulations and licensing create an undue burden and could thus force bankruptcy. We could lose local farming communities and this state is full of rural farming communities that should not be regulated by nearing cities.
8. HB 2150 could possibly help with keeping more Kansans in Kansas and this is a positive since we have had an outward migration from the state for the last 10 plus years.

Thank you for your consideration,
Trevor Jacobs