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Chair Bergquist and members of the Local Government Committee,

HB 2145 comes off as a simple bill, but I want to explain a little more into detail of why I introduced this piece of legislation. For 5 years I have lived outside of the city limits, but inside of the 3 mile radius of the City of Great Bend. I never really noticed the 3-mile radius issue until I started speaking with constituents and neighbors about the frustrations they have had over this issue. Many have complained and wondered why they must abide by certain city ordinances, but in the end those citizens don't have a voice within the City Council. I believe HB 2145 is a simple fix to address that issue.

HB 2145 gives representation to those who live within the 3-mile radius, and also allows them to vote for the at large positions and any special election votes, such as an increase of sales tax for the city or bond issues. I also want to note, if a city decides to remove the 3-mile radius ordinance, then those who live within that area lose those rights.

I noticed after starting a conversation about this issue, I want to note that HB 2150 has a similar thought, but simply removes the 3 mile radius completely. I also support that bill as well.

In short, I ask for your support for HB 2145 or HB 2150 and will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Kansas proud,

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