

Dear members of the House Water Committee,

As a city administrator for a small rural community, I am writing in **strong** support of HB 2302, commonly referred to as the "Water Plan Funding Bill." Our community has been facing major challenges when it comes to our water supply system, and we desperately need a solution that will ensure that we have access to clean and safe drinking water for years to come. A recent PER estimated the cost to repair the system in the range of \$17m which a city of our size simply does not have. This leaves us with very few practical options to protect our community's future without raising prices on citizens already struggling to make ends meet.

I am grateful for the hard work and dedication of the Kansas Municipal Utilities staff who have been directly involved in developing this critical water plan funding bill. Their commitment to finding a solution for our community has not gone unnoticed, and I am confident that HB 2302 will be a major step forward in helping communities like ours to address aging water supply infrastructure. As a community, we are fully behind this effort and sincerely hope that this bill will provide the necessary funding and support communities like Fredonia require to make necessary and critical upgrades to our water infrastructure. I am asking that you support this bill and provide it with the resources it needs to be successful.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing the outcome of the hearing on February 14th.

Sincerely,

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