

## FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER: **HB2446** \_\_\_\_\_

Support \_\_\_\_\_ **Oppose X** \_\_\_\_\_ Neutral \_\_\_\_\_ Testimony Will Be: In Person  
Oral \_\_\_\_\_ Webex Oral \_\_\_\_\_ **Written Only X** For Meeting on **Tuesday, Jan. 23**

Testimony By: **Clark H. Coan** (Name of person testifying)

On Behalf Of: **Self** \_\_\_\_\_ (Association, Corporation, Individual)

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Dear Senator:

Plastic bags litter the landscape and end up in landfills where they take up to 1,000 years to degrade. They are also a threat to birds and marine wildlife which ingest them and die by the thousands. Kansas ranchers are concerned that their cattle are eating plastic bags and calves can die from ingesting them. Of course, it takes millions of barrels of oil annually to produce plastic bags.

Please vote against HB 2446 which would preempt local regulation of plastic bags. This bill would override Home Rule by denying localities the power to control their own affairs. It is inherently anti-democratic. Local governments are supposed to be the laboratories of democracy where experiments can be undertaken and if successful, adopted by other governmental entities.

Thank you for paying attention to my comments.

Sincerely yours,

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