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Proponent Testimony
SB 312
Written Only

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Dear Chairwomen McGinn and Committee Members:

Citizens that are standing up for the land rights of Kansas owners have learned that Eminent Domain was given to Nextera as part of renewable energy projects in Kansas and millions of acres are now under threat of Eminent Domain. Farm Bureau and Kansas Livestock have stood with property owners and now Kansans need to Stand up for legislation that will help citizens protect what they own.

In addition, the 245kV Wolf Creek BlackBerry Transmission Line Project that affects 1.2 Million Acres of Land in Southeast Kansas will be owned by a Private Company from Florida and Kansas citizens will be saddled with \$85.4 Million plus for construction. The State of Kansas will have no authority over the Transmission Line nor the tariffs that the Federal Energy Commission will levy. The KCC has handed regional control the Keys to Kansas land.

Why are KANSANS property rights NOT protected against eminent. domain? Senate Bill 312, WILL REQUIRE the unanimous approval of the elected members of the Board of County Commissioners PRIOR to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by projects asnd Companies like Nextera. This gives property owners LOCAL CONTROL of their land decisions without affecting city or municipal governments.

Please protect Kansas land owners against loss of local control decisions by strongly supporting SB 312 for favorable passage out of the committee. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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