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House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Representative Sean Tarwater, Chair
c/o cindy.harris@house.ks.gov

Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 2447

Dear Representative Tarwater and Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Kingman City Commission concerning the proposed HB 2447 that would preempt cities from prohibiting the sale of any product or any service that is permitted under state law. The unanimous consensus of the Kingman City Commission is opposition to this legislation.

The City Commission believes strongly in the home rule power of cities under the Kansas constitution. This legislation is a direct affront to a city's ability to govern itself according to that principle. The broad and sweeping language of this legislation strips from local authorities the ability to craft policies and regulations that fit each locality, which differ widely in this state from urban to rural areas. It is difficult to see how such an expansive piece of legislation could work uniformly in Kansas given the great differences that exist in municipalities across the state based just on size and geography.

This legislation substitutes the will of local communities for the dictates of the state. City home rule is a bedrock of Kansas local government and this proposed mandate from the Legislature undermines home rule to its core.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. Should you desire any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,


Greg Graffman
City Manager

Cc: House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development Members
Representative Michael Murphy
Senator Mark Steffen

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