



**House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
Testimony in Support of House Bill 2228
Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs, Kansas Chamber**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium and large businesses of all industry segments across the state. We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2228.

HB 2228 amends the state's net metering statute by increasing the one percent cap to 10 percent, giving more homeowners and businesses the choice to add solar energy systems to their facility or home. Kansas law currently restricts the size/capacity limits which prevents Kansas consumers the option to fully realize any potential cost savings available today.

Much like legislation to expand access to power purchase agreements (HB 2227), HB 2228 improves state policy by eliminating unnecessary restrictions on low-cost options available to Kansas ratepayers today. And like our support for HB 2227, our 2023 legislative agenda contains an energy policy position to "Support policies that create equal competition among energy sources and technologies." We must ensure that Kansas ratepayers can take full advantage of advancements in technology to provide more cost-effective options to power their homes and businesses.

In closing, we respectfully ask the committee to support House Bill 2228 and establish a uniform policy for homeowners and businesses seeking to install solar energy systems on their property.