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**Date: February 15, 2023**  
**To: Chairman Bergquist and the House Committee on Local Government**  
**From: City of Overland Park**  
**Re: HB 2376 – Opposition (Written)**

The City of Overland Park is widely recognized as one of the best communities in America for housing, jobs, raising families, young professionals, and more. Overland Park has long upheld a culture of welcoming and belonging, and part of that culture is the City’s nondiscrimination ordinance that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Therefore, we strongly oppose Section 2 of HB 2376 and its language that would void and preempt the City’s nondiscrimination ordinance.

The City’s community visioning process, “Forward OP” confirmed the importance of equality to our residents through broad based public engagement. The state should not infringe on our community’s values by voiding and preempting our local laws that advance equality for Overland Park residents.

However, if Section 2 of HB 2376 was removed from the bill, the City supports the remaining portions of the bill that allow cities to redact discriminatory language from recorded plats and covenants. This portion of the legislation will empower local governments to remove vestiges of discrimination from property records and reflect the City’s desire to welcome all people to live in Overland Park.

Thank you for allowing the City to submit testimony in opposition to HB 2376. We respectfully request that the Committee not advance this legislation to the full House unless Section 2 is removed from the bill or the Committee advance HB 2174.