

To: House Local Government Committee  
Topic: Written testimony in favor of SB 2268

Many HOA's have restrictive covenants. We should not allow these restrictive covenants to keep homeowners from placing solar panels on their roofs, as doing so is in the best interest of the homeowner, the state, and the power companies.

HB 2268 is a good idea for many reasons:

- Homeowners can greatly reduce their electric bills by using solar panels. HOA residents should have a right to place them on their roof if they wish.
- An independent study by Crossborders Energy found that solar customers provide a benefit both for other ratepayers and for the electric company.
- Research studies in Vermont, New York, California, Texas, Missouri, and Nevada also concluded that solar power customers provide a net positive benefit for utility companies and their customers.
- Solar panel customers allow utilities to avoid costs of generation, fuel, maintenance, and the upgrade of transmission and distribution infrastructure.
- Solar panel customers help avoid the cost of transmission losses (which account for 7% of power losses), help avoid the need for additional capacity purchases, and help increase the power company's compliance with renewable energy standards.
- Solar panel customers help reduce peak loads, transmission losses, and the need for new power plants.
- Rooftop solar panels give homeowners a way to better manage their electric energy costs and reduce their monthly bills.
- Solar panel customers with battery backup will help stabilize the grid and add to its security by feeding electricity into the grid when needed.
- Rooftop solar is good for the environment as it helps reduce emissions from coal-fired and gas power plants.

Nearly 30 states have passed laws to protect citizen's right to place solar panels on their roofs. Kansas has some of the best solar resources in all the states, and HOA should not be able to prevent homeowners right to install solar panels on their roofs. Please pass HB 2268.

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