



March 14, 2023

Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
The Honorable Dan Kerschen, Chair
Kansas State Capitol, Room 144-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Testimony supporting HB 2302

Chair Kerschen and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of HB No. 2302, which would modify the distribution of money into the state water plan fund, creating the water technical assistance fund and the water projects grant fund for water-related infrastructure projects and distributing a portion of the revenue from the sales and compensating use tax to the state water plan fund.

In recent years, The City of Arkansas City has been dedicated to investing in the water consumed by our community following the construction of a water treatment facility that uses advanced technology to produce a higher quality of water more efficiently.

Since the beginning of the construction phase of the water treatment facility, the City of Arkansas City has used the slogan *Water Grows Our Future*. We see this statement relating to HB No. 2302 in that it would establish a water technical assistance fund to be used by the Kansas water office to provide grants to municipalities for planning, engineering, managing, and other technical assistance that may be necessary for the development of plans for water infrastructure projects or for processing the grant and loan applications for such water infrastructure projects.

We know that there are many pieces of legislation under consideration. However, investment in a municipality's water system builds modern, sustainable, and stable communities and helps families flourish and businesses grow. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy Frazer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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