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House Bill 2783
Proponent Testimony
Federal and State Affairs Committee

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee, I am Becky Schwartz, Executive Vice President of the Propane Marketers Association of Kansas (PMAK), which represents the Kansas Propane Industry. PMAK appreciates the opportunity to submit written testimony to you today supporting House Bill 2783.

Since propane is primarily a byproduct of domestic natural gas processing, though some propane is produced from crude oil refinement, we have concerns with communities possibly including propane in traditional gas and/or diesel-powered vehicle ban.

When you think of propane power, you probably don't think about vehicles; you probably think about heating your home or powering your outdoor grill. However, propane (liquefied petroleum gas, LPG) is becoming more abundant in powering vehicles, especially buses and shuttles. Propane presents a viable and environmentally friendly alternative to traditional gasoline and diesel fuels.

Propane is a clean, low-carbon fuel that is more efficient at delivering energy than drawing electricity from the grid. And more and more, renewable propane is being used nationwide, offering another option in our efforts to fight climate change.

While propane-powered vehicles are slowly being integrated into our communities across Kansas, they are increasing daily. School districts across the state are beginning to see substantial cost savings in switching to propane-powered school buses. Even though we focus on shuttle buses and school buses, consumers are beginning to see that there is an option for them as well. Consumers, whether individuals, school districts, or local municipalities, should have a choice on how their vehicle is powered. Propane-powered vehicles are still a relatively unknown source of power, but one that can offer a cleaner and less expensive option.

We support HB 2783 and we encourage you to support the bill as well allowing consumers to choose what kind of vehicle they want to drive.

Sincerely,

Becky Schwartz
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