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**Testimony on House Bill 2113**
**Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources**
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The Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) appreciates the opportunity to submit comments to this committee and encourages your support of House Bill 2113.

The Kansas Rural Water Association provides training and technical assistance to water and wastewater systems of all sizes across Kansas. The Association has active membership of 471 cities and 262 rural water districts or public wholesale systems. The Association staff have more than 600 years of combined experience working with water and wastewater systems in Kansas. As a result, the Association staff have extensive familiarity with nearly every water or wastewater utility and the operators of those systems and also have first-hand awareness of the need for improvements in many of these utilities.

Cities and water districts have benefitted through the funding that has been available through the technical assistance and water projects grant fund programs administered by the Kansas Water Office. Interest in the programs is very high. Investment in water and wastewater system infrastructure is essential for local communities to provide for the public health, welfare, and safety of residents. This funding will become more critical should present programs through USDA Rural Development or the State Revolving Loan Funds have reduced lending capacity. That is a question yet to be determined.

The Association supports House Bill 2113 and encourages the Committee to vote favorably for passage.

Respectfully submitted,

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