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Date: March 13, 2023
To: Chairman Tarwater and Members of the House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
From: Caitlin Gard, Deputy City Manager
Re: Written Testimony in Opposition of HB 2447

Chairman Tarwater and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of HB 2447 on behalf of the City of Shawnee.

The City supports the Kansas constitutional authority of Home Rule for cities. The closest level of government to Kansans is their local government. Preserving Home Rule correctly protects the right of local elected officials and their constituents to find solutions to the issues and problems unique to their community.

Prohibiting cities from regulating any products and services allowed by state law would completely undermine any Governing Body's or Planning Commissions authority for the regulation and management of city zoning and land use.

Based on this testimony, the City of Shawnee requests you do not pass HB 2447 out of committee.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gard
Deputy City Manager

