



House Committee on Local Government:

The City of Scott City, Kansas opposes HB 2150. The City of Scott has a population of 4,203 residents and according to the 2020 Census, is one of the fastest growing communities in western Kansas with a 7.4% increase in population from the 2010 Census. As a growing rural community, we find that it is crucial to have the authority to regulate what is being planned or developed just outside of our city limits as it is the gateway to our community. The City has an interest in making sure this area is developed properly with that idea in mind.

Scott County, where Scott City is located, does not have a County Planning Commission, thus there would be no planning oversight for the immediate area surrounding the City if HB 2150 would be signed into law. This is problematic as this area inside the three-mile zone could be annexed in the future, being able to ensure infrastructure expansion into newly annexed areas is important. The three-mile zone helps the City ensure that the health, safety, and quality of life of our citizens are taken into consideration when projects are proposed through allowable uses under zoning regulations and ensuring structures are built to a certain specification via our building department. HB 2150 will hurt cities and harm our ability for future expansion and development.

Respectfully,

City of Scott City, Kansas

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