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Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to present proponent testimony on behalf of the Clean Energy Business Council, a project of the Climate + Energy Project for S.B. 126, AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to credits; providing a tax credit for certain residential solar and wind energy property expenditures.

S.B. 126 would create tax credit beginning in the tax year 2023 and continue in tax years thereafter and would equal to 100% of the amount of the federal residential clean energy credit related to qualified solar electric property expenditures, qualified solar water heating property expenditures and qualified small wind energy property expenditures for a dwelling unit in the state.

Wind and Solar are two of Kansas' most abundant resources, and this tax credit allows for Kansas to better hone those resources into electricity that can power our grid. As we continue to see competing states tap into clean energy solutions, it is imperative that we amplify our efforts to make sure Kansas stays at the forefront of wind and solar generation. **In fact, we would urge the committee to consider adding language to support tax credits for batter storage as well.**

In 2021, wind energy supplied 45.1% of Kansas' electrical generation, which was ranked third in the nation. Regarding solar, Kansas is one of the 10 sunniest states in the country according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. This tax credit would ultimately allow the state to continue to increase our wind energy production while also tapping into our copious amounts of solar energy emitted from the sun.

We believe that S.B. 126 truly positions Kansas to continue our dominance in wind energy generation while simultaneously putting our solar energy transmission in the forefront of energy solutions in the state. S.B. 126 will put the state on the path of sustainability as well signal a commitment to this industry that Kansas is truly open for business. Therefore, we ask that the Committee report S.B. 126 favorable for passage.