

Honorable Carolyn McGinn
Chair, Local Government Committee
Kansas Capitol, Room 142S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Proponent Written Testimony, SB86, January 31, 2023

Dear Chairman McGinn and Committee:

My name is Debra Mize. I live in Louisburg, and I am submitting this testimony in support of SB86.

This bill provides for the commonsense requirement that local officials who have a vote to approve the installation and operation of wind and solar factories simply make known any potential financial interests in such a venture and if they have an interest then they must abstain from casting a vote.

Wind and solar factories are currently flush with incentives to push these alternative energy plans, likely from the various monetary incentives being showered on them by government programs. In Miami County, the proponents of solar factories are busy imploring our representatives to assist them in these enterprises. They come to persuade our representatives with their paid consulting firms to sell these concepts. Never mind that these ventures seek to take away huge tracts of productive farmland from our farmers and ranchers or that they can be detrimental to the health of Kansans.

Is it asking too much to ask those making such far reaching decisions to at least give some assurance to the voters that their decisions are based on the arguments put forth in the hearings and not influenced by potential financial gain?

I ask you to support SB86 and send this bill to the full senate for consideration.

Respectfully,
Debbie Mize
Louisburg
Proponent