

**Date:** Feb. 5, 2025

**Name of Conferee:** Jessica Porter, Private Citizen

**Bill Number:** HB 2119

**Testimony format:** Written Only

**Disposition:** Opponent

**Contact Info:** [jporter4410@gmail.com](mailto:jporter4410@gmail.com)

Chair Sean Tarwater and Members of the Committee, thank you for giving me time to share my thoughts on HB 2119. My name is Jessica Porter, and I am a voter of Shawnee County.

I strongly oppose HB 2119 as we are in the middle of our housing crisis. The affordable housing tax credit has given people who build houses an incentive to build. It makes building houses more affordable which trickles down to the those buying the house.

You also cannot argue with the math. Since this credit has been available, 2000 affordable houses have been built a year vs. only 500 a year being built before the tax credit. These houses are also being built in rural areas!

While I know that this tax credit is a heavy hitter when it comes to how much it cost, it is an investing in our state. Maybe instead or completely getting rid of it, we reform it. Maybe putting a cap on it?

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.