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Kansas House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development  
300 SW 10th Street  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senators and Representatives,

We write to you today in opposition to House Bill 2119 as currently written. The proposed bill HB 2119 not only eliminates the affordable housing tax credit program after June 30, 2025 but it jeopardizes developments which have already received a credit allocation and are currently under development in reliance on the credit allocation but have yet to secure the required allocation certificate / federal form 8609. This puts developers, lenders, investors, contractors, suppliers, and other small businesses at risk having relied on the initial credit allocation.

As a community aggressively trying to address significant housing challenges for our residents and our community we are appreciative of any resources available for our community and the State of Kansas to encourage housing development. We ask the committee not to advance HB 2119 as written due to its consequences on developments currently underway as well as it impacts on future development for Kanas communities and the State as a whole.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Michael D. Schrage, written in a cursive style.

Michael D. Schrage  
City Manager

A blue ink signature of Jacob Wood, written in a cursive style.

Jacob Wood  
Deputy City Manager