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HOUSE ENERGY AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RE: HB 2642 - An Act concerning oil and gas; relating to applications to drill; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 55-151 and repealing the existing section.

Testimony of David P. Bleakley - Legislative Chairman
Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association
&
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Our association represents and supports eastern Kansas oil and gas producers, gas gatherers, service companies, royalty owners and associated businesses along with the overall welfare of the Kansas oil and gas industry in this state.

The Eastern Kansas Oil and Gas Association (EKOGA) **STONGLY OPPOSES** House Bill 2642.

Concerns with this Bill:

1. Passage of this bill would open up Pandora's Box, where you could insert any other industry you choose, type of work to be performed and agency to certify too.
2. Most wells drilled not only in Kansas, but in all other states and the world require hydraulic fracturing to produce, so virtually every well drilled in Kansas will require certification.
3. The oil and gas companies will have to hire additional personnel to handle the certifying of their wells at additional cost and overhead to the company. Eventually costing the consumer.
4. The Kansas Corporation Commission will have to hire additional personnel to handle the verification of the certifications turned in by the oil and gas companies at additional cost and overhead to the State. Eventually costing the tax payer.
5. If Kansas passes a bill like this, then what keeps Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri and all other states from passing a similar type of bill for their state and then the idea moves on to other industries within each state. I thought we were the United States not the Divided States.

6. Protectionism, restraint of trade and commerce have never worked in the past anywhere in the world to produce the best services or products for companies or consumers and where this might seem on the surface to be helpful for Kansas jobs, a closer look tells you it's not.

Therefore, Mr. Chairman and members of this Committee, **EKOGA WOULD STRONGLY URGE YOU TO VOTE AGAINST HB 2642.**

Thank you for your time.

David P. Bleakley