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House Bill 2446  
House Energy and Utilities Committee

AFP Support of House Bill 2446

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the more than 41,000 members of Americans for Prosperity Kansas, I thank you for allowing the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill 2446.

HB 2446 would hold the renewable registration requirement at 10 percent for the second generating station of the Holcomb Power Plant even if construction begins after 2016. This amendment of the House Committee of the Whole was a welcome addition to the bill.

Kansans have experienced a dramatic increase in utility prices over the last few years. It is the position of Americans for Prosperity that mandates within the energy sector have led to out of control rates. Instead of allowing the free market to work, government bodies have forced via mandates and subsidies, certain types of energy sources down taxpayer's throats.

Kansas needs to stop picking winners and losers in the marketplace. Instead of favoring an energy source such as wind energy, we should allow all energy sources to withstand market conditions. If an energy source cannot exist without government handouts, or in the case of wind without an extension of the Production Tax Credit, then it simply shouldn't receive taxpayer assistance.

Kansas government should not show any kind of favoritism to any one energy source. Whether wind, oil and gas, or a source yet to enter the marketplace, government should not provide subsidies. Doing as such continues to increase the cost of energy to taxpayers and does not make good economic sense.

Thank you for considering this important topic.

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