

March 15, 2012

Honorable Carl Holmes
Chairman, Kansas House Energy and Utilities Committee
Kansas Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB 2446

Dear Chairman Holmes:

Clean Line Energy Partners respectfully submits the following testimony regarding HB 2446.

Kansas has established itself as a leader in the wind industry by providing a clear regulatory framework, an entrepreneurial business environment, and encouragement from leadership. Kansas is known as a leader in the industry for installed wind capacity and for providing jobs through wind development, construction and operation, as well as in wind energy supply chain and manufacturing. Thousands of farmers and ranchers enjoy the additional revenue from wind farms; new high-paying jobs are found in rural Kansas; and local governments receive income from the wind farms. Consumers also benefit from the highly cost-competitive, clean energy generated by the wind farms. This is great news for not just rural Kansas but all Kansans.

If passed, this bill will be a detriment to a growing industry and will cost jobs and prevent revenue that is currently being realized by rural landowners and communities.

Although it is unfortunate that not every energy project in western Kansas has made it to fruition, we should continue our effort to encourage an "all-of-the-above" approach to energy development in this region.

There will continue to be billions of dollars invested in the wind industry in the U.S. This bill will cost Kansas greatly as these wind projects will be located in neighboring states and Kansans will be denied the benefits that they have enjoyed in recent years.

Sincerely,

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