

**KANSAS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**Energy & Utilities Committee**

Honorable Carl Holmes, Chairman

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*“Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of action to be taken globally, nationally and locally by organizations of the United Nations System, Governments, and Major Groups in every area in which human impacts on the environment.”*

This direct quotation from the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Division for Sustainable Development website provides some sense of the intended reach of the international policy that the United States of America has come to deeply embrace: virtually every square foot on the face of the earth.

Perhaps a bit of additional perspective, again taken from their own playbook, will provide additional insight:

*“Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require a profound reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world has ever experienced—a major shift in the priorities of both governments and individuals and an unprecedented redeployment of human and financial resources. This shift will demand that a concern for the environmental consequences of every human action be integrated into individual and collective decision-making at every level.”*

The key word in the Agenda dialogue is ‘sustainable’. ‘Renewable’ is a synonym which can be virtually interchangeable in any discussion on this subject.

Here is more of the plan for reference as to the objectives of the movement:

*“The concept of **national sovereignty** has been an immutable, indeed sacred, principle of international relations. It is a principle which will **yield only slowly and reluctantly to the new imperatives of global environmental cooperation**. It is simply not feasible for sovereignty to be exercised unilaterally by individual nation states, however powerful. The global community must be assured of environmental security.”*

It will be up to each individual to determine if ‘national sovereignty’ is a concept that he / she cares to express an appreciation for, or whether it is an immaterial, assumed characteristic that has little value regarding our place in this world.