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To: Honorable Rep. Sean Tarwater, Chair
House Commerce, Labor, and Economic Development Committee
And Committee members

From: Elizabeth Bishop, Wichita
Opponent Testimony

Re: HB 2447

Dear Chair Tarwater and Committee Members

I urge you to vote against HB 2447. It is an unnecessary and serious abrogation of Home Rule for localities all across our state.

Local units of government work seriously to craft workable and needed regulation of commerce in their communities. This work is in response to community needs and includes numerous opportunities for citizen input.

This bill has come forward with little expressed need. It is so broad and sweeping as to create much opportunity for unintended consequences. A process we have seen too many times opens the state up to legal action with a costly defense at taxpayer expense.

I urge you to vote HB 2447 down and add it to the increasing pile failed attempts at diminishing Home Rule in Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,

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