



Feb. 7, 2023

Committee On Local Government  
The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chair  
Kansas State Capitol, Room 281-N  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: Testimony Opposing House Bill No. 2150

Chair Bergquist and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in opposition to HB No. 2150, repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the city boundaries. My name is Randy Frazer, and I am the City Manager for the City of Arkansas City.

A request often heard throughout the preparation of a City's comprehensive plan is that development should occur in a way that will preserve the City's character. As the City of Arkansas City continues to plan not only for the future growth and development of land within its corporate limits but also its extraterritorial growth area in unincorporated areas, passing of HB No. 2150 would jeopardize our control of unwanted development near the City limits and encourage sprawl development without proper infrastructure. This development would likely end up using City resources without contributing any revenue. It's also vitally important to note that cities in counties that don't have county zoning could greatly suffer due to the passing of HB No. 2150.

We know that there are many pieces of legislation under consideration. However, the City of Arkansas City has had extraterritorial subdivision control since 1996. I urge you to oppose HB No. 2150 and help preserve a critical aspect of our City's character.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Randy Frazer", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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