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Dear Committee Members:

Thank you Chairman Bergquist and members of the House Local Government Committee. I speak today in support of the passage of House Bill 2150, which will restrict cities from controlling land outside of their legal boundaries.

Just three years ago our communities in the Basehor area were being bombarded by regulations of the City of Basehor that enforced zoning laws implemented by the City of Basehor outside of their boundaries. Residents from all over the area, inside of Basehor and in the county controlled regions held large meetings in protest. The matter was never resolved at that time because Kansas law allowed the takeover methods of the City of Basehor.

A key issue that was spoken time and time again was, "how can a city enforce their laws on residents not under their jurisdiction and without those affected residents even having a vote over the council and or boards of the city that established the regulations."

I was impacted at this earlier time and now despite moving face such continuing "regulation without representation" in another area just outside the city limits. This law is the only fair way to halt such improper governance outside the city limits. I urge you to pass HB 2150 so that I may continue to support this needed legislation.

Sincerely,

Rep. Tim Johnson
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