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Written testimony in favor of HB 2268

Dear House Local Government Committee Members:

I am submitting this as written testimony in favor of HB 2268. I live in Brighton's landing, a subdivision in Olathe, Kansas. About two years ago, a number of us residents in Brighton's Landing desired to place solar panels on their roofs. Unfortunately, our subdivision has put in place covenants and restrictions that prohibit any resident from placing solar panels on their roofs. We checked into changing our covenants and restrictions and to start the process, we had to get a minimum of 150 residents in Brighton's Landing to sign a document requesting the change in front of a notary. If we did get requisite number of our residents to approve the change, our homeowner's association then had to pay a lawyer to make the change.

I am sure there are many other subdivision homeowner associations with similar problems. When these homeowner's covenants and restrictions were put in place, solar panels were unsightly and of poor quality. That has dramatically changed. Please pass this bill out of your committee with a strong recommendation that the entire Kansas Legislature pass it into law.

Respectfully yours,

Thomas D. Arnhold