

Before the House Local Government Committee
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Proponent to HB 2268
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Dear Chair Bergquist and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2268, which would allow Kansans the freedom to install solar on their homes regardless of their Homeowners Association (HOA).

As a citizen, I want the freedom to choose the security that the independent power generation of solar provides. We have an aging power grid, a threat of attacks on power stations, and more powerful storms, all of which leave Kansas citizens vulnerable. Our country's economy is being challenged by paying for catastrophic storm damage. I want to do my part to help our country by reducing our family's carbon output.

Restrictive HOA rules are impinging on my freedom to use my property for its' highest value and best use.

With modern solar panel technology and the growing local and regional need for additional power supply in Kansas, Homeowners Associations should not be blocking residents from going solar. Nearly 30 states have solar access laws, including Iowa, Texas, Colorado, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio, Florida, and nearly all western states. The Missouri Legislature recently passed their solar access law in 2022. With a top 10 solar resource, the people of Kansas deserve to be allowed to install solar regardless of the rules of their HOA.

Solar offers positive advantages for one's home, community, and Kansas at-large, therefore, I urge the committee to pass HB 2268 this year to secure the freedom for Kansans to have rooftop solar no matter their HOA.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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