

Before the House Local Government Committee

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Proponent to HB 2268

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Dear Chair, Berquist and Members of the Committee,

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

I recently read an article which stated that 80% of new housing additions fall under a HOA. That makes it mighty hard to downsize if I want to install solar on my roof. I love living on 12 acres but as I'm getting older it's becoming a lot to maintain. If and when I move to a new community, I want to know solar is an option.

My late husband was a military man who was taught early on that civil preparedness is essential. I think this is an important life lesson. I want to know if there's a failure on our electrical grid for any reason whether it's a cyber-attack or extreme weather that I have electricity. I want to know if my generator, solar panels and power wall are there for me.

If there's subzero temperatures or 110 degrees, my family and the little old lady next door will be alright. I want to know that I'm not at the mercy of a predatory company that's price gouging its citizens.

Please support HB2268 so we can protect our communities.

Thanks again for your support

Jennifer Connelly