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Senator Ty Masterson
Chair —Senate Utilities Committee
Rm. 224 East, Statehouse
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Senate Bill 124 – The Kansas Energy Fairness Act

Dear Chairman Masterson and Committee Members,

The City of Lawrence supports the passage of Senate Bill 124, which will encourage growth of the renewable energy industry in Kansas, restore balance to customer rates, and increase opportunities for distributed generation energy.

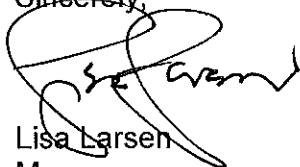
Lawrence is home to two solar businesses who have seen significant decreases in their Kansas customer base since the punitive and retroactive fee on solar users took effect. Senate Bill 124 will remove the existing disincentive to install solar and restore the ability for customers to save on energy costs by choosing solar. Growth of the renewable industry in our community is dependent on reliable and predictable regulation. Senate Bill 124 will help restore confidence of customers and businesses in this market.

The City of Lawrence supports the suggested amendment by the Kansas Sierra Club to require distributed energy customer-generators to be in the same rate class as peer non-generating customers. Proffered amendment:

Customer-generators are to remain within the existing broad rate class to which the customer would belong in the absence of a net metering system or a system that generates renewable energy or stores energy, or any combination thereof, without any fees or charges that are different than the fees and charges assessed to customers of the same rate class.

Reducing dependence on fossil fuels is a value to our community. The adoption of Senate Bill 124 will make it easier for residents to choose renewable energy, transition away from fossil fuels, and support our local renewable energy economy.

Sincerely,



Lisa Larsen
Mayor

