



**House Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2273
Presented by Kristi Brown, Sr. Director of Government Affairs**

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Mister Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Kristi Brown, Senior Director of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony opposing House Bill 2273.

The Kansas Chamber of Commerce is constantly seeking to insure a regulatory climate in Kansas that promotes a healthy business environment and instills regulatory certainty. Burdensome and unnecessary state regulations not only stifles business growth, in this case, it will also stifle a growing and important component of the creation of energy in Kansas. The jobs created along with the economic growth seen across the state has been a positive complement to many of our rural communities seeking to stem job losses from other industries.

The Kansas Chamber's members have made encouraging the most appropriate, least restrictive method of regulation a key component of our 2019 Legislative Agenda. HB2273 will add both cost and bureaucracy. It will also impact supporting industries such as engineering, manufacturing and construction.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition to HB2273 and I am happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.