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Subject: House Bill 2145

Representative Joseph Seiwert  
Chair, Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee  
Kansas State Capital  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St.  
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman Seiwert:

As the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD), Environmental Coordinator for the State of Kansas, I would like to express our support for House Bill 2145 (HB 2145). Please share these comments with the members of the Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications Committee.

As proposed, HB 2145 would exclude from the definition of “public utility” corporations, individuals, etc. engaged in the sale of electricity for the sole purpose of providing electric vehicle charging service to an end user. The Army plans on more of its fleet vehicles becoming electric vehicles. By allowing for private ownership and operation of electric vehicle charging stations without being regulated as a public utility, this bill will support the increase of electric vehicle charging stations in Kansas and, thus, enhance the infrastructure for electric vehicles. Accordingly, the U.S. Department of Defense supports House Bill 2145.

I intend to provide verbal testimony in support of this bill at the hearing on 2 February 2021. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions or need any additional information. I can be reached at (816) 389-3448, or by email at [Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil](mailto:Stanley.L.Rasmussen@usace.army.mil).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stanley L. Rasmussen".

Stanley L. Rasmussen  
Department of Defense, Regional  
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