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HB 2268

“Prohibiting certain restrictions of residential solar energy devices.”

Proponent Testimony

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Committee On Local Government

Greetings Chairperson Emil Bergquist and honorable committee persons; thank you for your time. My name is Jonathan Smith, I live on the southeast side of Topeka, Kansas and I'm writing with the hopes that you pass HB 2268 favorably.

I am a strong believer that if a property owner wants to relieve themselves from the burden of increased electrical bills, or they just want to do their part in fighting climate change by lessening their reliance on fossil fuel driven energy productions, they should not be hindered by an association that is driven only by profit-sharing.

I want to also add that the way that the bill is written, associations would still have the ability to require rules and uniformity in the application of the solar panels, as long as they wouldn't impede their form, function or installation.

In conclusion, I could not be happier to see property owner friendly legislation that helps consumers do their part to battle the forces contributing to climate change. Please pass HB 2268 favorably. Thank you for your time.

sincerely,
Jonathan Smith