

Date: February 19, 2024

Bill number: SB 474

Disposition: Proponent

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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee:

I'm writing this letter to express my support for Senate Bill 474.

Because of the importance of allowing citizens to vote on important issues, I humbly ask for your support on this bill.

Perhaps you are aware of the situation in Prairie Village, KS. After elected officials refused to listen to their constituents, citizens collected signatures to put their concerns on the ballot. Following the statute, over 3700 signatures were collected. However, the city still would not listen and decided to sue instead.

The city's legal wrangling and delays kept the issues off the ballot. (This is under appeal now). An action such as this is an abuse of power and should not have occurred.

SB 474 will strengthen K.S.A. 12-3013, and will prevent cities from denying citizens the opportunity to vote. Please support SB 474.

Sincerely,

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