

February 28th, 2024

Chair Michael Fagg Senate Committee on Utilities Kansas State Senate 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St. Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB 2588 on Net Metering

Chair Fagg and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to you today in support of HB 2588. As a design and construction company with four offices in Kansas, Hutton has seen a growing number of clients looking for options for serving their energy needs. From nonprofits, to K-12 and higher education, industrial and manufacturing – many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to gain certainty and feel empowered with choices. It was due to this growing demand that Hutton developed an energy services division specifically focused on supporting commercial and industrial clients.

Among other things, your vote in support of HB 2588 will do two major things to help businesses and organizations in the state of Kansas: 1. By increasing the cap on net metering businesses, residents, and other organizations will continue to have the option to make financially sound investments in energy solutions. 2. This bill will also provide some relief and reassurance to those business owners that have developed and grown successful businesses designing and installing PV solar systems, with the worry of the 1% cap on the horizon. By passing HB 2588 you will empower all Kansas constituents with continued choices around net metering for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration of these bills. In a state that values free market, and limited government-imposed restrictions, I hope that you will vote yes to HB 2588.

Respectfully,

Jeff Hohnbaum Hutton Energy Services