

# HB 2296 – Proponent Testimony of John Ford

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Dear distinguished members of the Kansas House Committee on Local Government,

I write this testimony today not out of frustration, discontent or discord but out of sheer concern of bad policy and statute that has been established many years ago. I realize many counties; cities and municipalities in Kansas have established Public Building Commissions for various building and infrastructure projects. While many Kansans live off a strict budget we are allowing our elected leaders to undermine both those that with good faith elected them to represent their best interests and wishes, and a whole other set of generations who at birth can be unnecessarily indebted from their very beginnings.

Please consider and ask yourselves do the constituents of these counties and municipalities deserve to have a voice in the projects their elected officials are proposing seeing as these are the same constituents that with hard earned tax dollars are paying for them?? When did taxation without representation become the reliable item to proceed with?? This very ideal is one on of the founding and necessary principles of this great country's Declaration of Independence.

Please let this legislation move on for the sake of good Kansans and for the very fabric in which those Kansans live and breathe every day. They deserve to have a voice and their elected representative need to work with them to provide the best possible solutions for economic growth, development and for future infrastructure and building projects. It's a modern and local concept of checks and balances that make our state and America's foundation solid for the present and for the future and for those with a vested interest now, as well as for those with a vested interest in the future as well. HB 2296 is a valid and necessary step forward for that process.

Respectfully Submitted,

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