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To:

Kansas Legislature - House Committee on Local Government

From:

John and Ann Martin

Subject:

Proponent Testimony – HB 2518

Dear Committee Members:

Please consider this email to be my testimony in support of House Bill 2518.

We believe that the current way that benefit districts are proposed by developers and approved by some local governments to be inadequate. Deliberations seem to be held in private and deals struck without the knowledge of and may not be in the best interests of many homeowners. This bill will allow those affected by this form of taxation to be better informed and have a voice as to the way their money is spent.

Thorough disclosure by developers and local governments to all property owners, well in advance of any proposed "improvement" is critical. This bill will go a long way to provide an avenue for honest and complete communications among all parties.

Thank you.

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