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House Committee on the Judiciary

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House Bill 2188

House Bill 2188 would amend the Kansas Open Records Act to require every non-profit organization in Kansas that accepts \$350 or more from a governmental entity to upload to the web all expenditures of \$350 or more in a searchable format.

The Kansas Rural Water Association (KRWA) **STRONGLY** opposes this ill-conceived bill. The KRWA has approximately 300 rural water districts among its members.

- All are non-profit corporations.
- Virtually all accept some government assistance.
- 85% have no web service.
- Only 3 have a website.

Rural water districts are small operations with most, if not all, of the staff positions working in the field. Their small budgets do not allow for paid computer consultants. HB 2188 will place a tremendous financial burden on these and other small non-profits.

Compliance with HB 2188 is simply not feasible now or in the near future.

Existing law currently allows anyone to request printed copies of records, including expenditures, from any of the KRWD's members. Rarely are any such requests made.

Kansans are known for their common sense approach governing. HB 2188 does not meet that test. Please let this bill rest in peace.

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