



SENATOR SUSAN WAGLE
30TH DISTRICT

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Testimony in support of HB 2701
Establishing the statewide broadband expansion task force
Presented by Susan Wagle, Senate President

Chairwoman Lynn and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB 2701 and its goal to expand broadband infrastructure across our state. To ensure economic growth in the 21st century, Kansas must take concrete steps to improve broadband access.

Technology is constantly impacting every part of our lives in this rapidly evolving world. Technology and broadband can improve the way we work and live. An improvement in access to broadband will make Kansas a more attractive state for families and businesses.

I encourage each member of the committee to thoroughly read the testimony provided by Wichita State University. As you can see, states like Ohio and Iowa have made broadband expansion a high priority and we must do the same.

I strongly encourage the following members be added to the broadband taskforce:

- A member representing the agriculture industry
- A member representing the oil and gas industry
- A member representing the aviation industry

In order to prioritize our technological needs and to keep Kansas competitive in years to come, I ask for your support on HB 2701.