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Date: Monday, February 11, 2019
To: Chairman Thompson and the House Committee on Local Government
From: City of Haysville
Re: Testimony in Support of HB 2135

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To whom it may concern:

Dear Chairman Thompson,

This letter is in support of HB 2135 to repeal K.S.A. 25-2711.

There are several reasons this statute should be overturned. The placing of signs in our city should be in the control of the city and not give preference to one type of sign. This is a local control issue not a state issue.

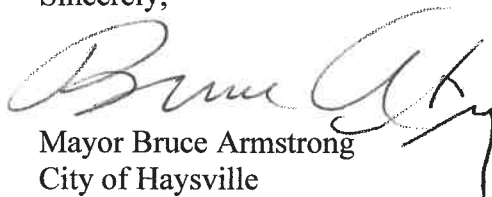
Regulating political signs becomes content based because we have to read the sign to enforce our ordinance. Individuals working for, or politicians themselves, do not follow even the state statute placing signs so they block the view of drivers causing a safety issue.

Thinking that the way to solve the issue is to not enforce our sign ordinance for the 45 day period outlined in the law is not workable because this gives everyone the permission to place signage of any type.

Cities work to make their city aesthetically pleasing to residents. This law works in the opposite for cities leaving potential signs up over the 48 hour time and making the city spend time and resources picking up the signs.

If you have any questions concerning this matter please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Mayor Bruce Armstrong
City of Haysville