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To: Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
From: Randy Stookey, JD, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs
Re: **Proponent Written Joint Testimony on HB 2510, special districts dissolved and responsibilities assumed by a city.**

Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2510. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (Renew Kansas).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is an agribusiness industry trade association whose membership includes over 700 companies across Kansas. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the biofuels processing industry in Kansas.

Our associations broadly represent the Kansas agribusiness industry, which collectively pays millions of dollars in property taxes annually, and provides gainful employment for Kansans in every corner of the state.

Our members support the essential functions and necessary services provided by local governments. Our members also support the prudent use of government resources in providing those services, and efforts to reduce costs associated with providing those services by promoting increased efficiencies within government.

We understand the intent of House Bill 2510 is to establish a new and innovative procedure to allow a city to provide for the dissolution of a special district within that city, following a public hearing.

As House Bill 2510 promotes efficiency in layered government, and represents sound public policy for reducing the scope and cost of local government, we stand in strong support of the bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2510, which was passed by the House with 122 favorable votes. We respectfully request that this Committee pass the bill out favorably.