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Testimony in opposition to SB 279

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Chairman Mike Thompson, Ranking Minority Member Marci Francisco, thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony today representing the Kansas Farmers Union in opposition to SB 279.

Kansas Farmers Union policy supports wind & other renewable energies.

SB 279 is a bill obviously intended to kill wind energy in Kansas. It makes no sense.

Wind energy has proven to be a very positive economical driver and a very sustainable climate-friendly source of energy for our environment.

It has proven to be a win-win for Kansas.

It creates jobs, cashflow opportunity for landowners, and another source of revenue flow into our rural communities.

But also, and we take this very seriously, it is telling us as a landowner what we can, or cannot do, on our own property. Isn't that our right if I'm not damaging my neighbor? We hear this argument constantly when hogs or chickens or feedlot regulations are argued here before the legislature. What is the difference?

I do not have any turbines on my farm, but I would eagerly host them if the opportunity arose.

Please be logical and vote no on SB 279.

Thank you for your time.

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