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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written remarks in opposition to SB 353.

The Clean Energy Business Council is an advocacy organization that seeks to foster favorable public policies so clean energy businesses can continue their growth and development in the state. This growth has been driven by consumer demand for lower cost energy and the market has responded. Our members are serious about bringing emerging energy solutions to their customers and advocate for a regulatory environment that fosters opportunity without burdensome regulations.

SB 353 represents a departure from a fair and responsible development process and involves overly restrictive guidelines that would end utility-scale renewable investments. Should this pass, dozens of Kansas businesses would see their businesses jeopardized. The supply chain that supports utility-scale projects is comprised of Kansas-owned, small businesses and on behalf of our members owning these businesses, we urge you to reject this legislation.

We would offer that rather than move forward with SB 353, the committee entertain presentations and perspectives from the folks working in this industry to share perspective about their experiences in siting utility-scale projects. In 2021, the Clean Energy Business Council and Kansas Association of Counties hosted a workshop that featured speakers on a variety of topics including economic impacts, property tax values, ecological reviews and permitting, and landowner experiences.

As the committee seeks to better understand the expansion of renewables across the state, I hope you'll invite those from the Clean Energy Business Council to share their stories from two decades of doing this work. Its certainly a rapidly changing world and they're refining their efforts each day, but what isn't changing is the demand. Kansas must not stifle a burgeoning industry by imposing government overreach that seeks to provide solutions to problems that don't exist.

Respectfully,

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