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I am in Opposition to this Bill. It heavily favors Utilities and Special-Interst Groups.



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I regret to inform you that I have a schedule conflict and will not be able to participate in the upcoming hearing on HB 692 / SB 334. I would like to share with you Sikeston's position on this prospective legislation. For some background, Sikeston is located in one of the more economically depressed areas of the state. We have prided ourselves in our ability to both attract new industry/create jobs and build new housing. We have annexed land, built an industrial park, and created over 1,500 new jobs. We have watched developers annex land into our city and build hundreds of new homes over the last 20 years. In the last 4 years, these homes built in Sikeston are the only homes being built in the whole of New Madrid County. As written, this current legislation would have been detrimental to every success I've mentioned. Most , importantly, attracting industry takes available land (has to be annexed) and water, sewer, and electric utilities that are priced competitively with other locations. Given the CO-OP construct, I'm not sure they can provide the competitive pricing needed to attract industry. We work hard with multiple entities to market our city for job creating industrial prospects. Our municipal utility has always been an attraction for industrial prospects. Adding this electric service provider hurdle, can only hurt our effort. When it comes to developing residential areas, there are several factors involved besides the land annexing. New homeowners like convenience. Anything making our city a "quiltwork" of school districts, electric service providers, telecom providers, etc. only serves as a disincentive to either move here or move to another part of town. We've had the experience in the past of having multiple electric providers in our city. The coordination of power restoration after a storm became so difficult and lengthy that we were forced to negotiate a buyout of the other utility. We'd rather not go backwards. In the current system, our city has realized growth in new housing and industry. In any annexed area, those served by existing service providers retain their provider, and any new service is provided by our utility. I'm not sure of the reason this needs to change or how our growth impacts neighboring utilities. They may view it as an opportunity, but we feel it was the municipality that created the opportunity and should be the one to benefit from it. I hope the legislators will consider our position on this matter. Thanks. NOTE: This testimony is from the body of a letter originally submitted by .pdf letter via email to Chairman Kidd on March 9, 2021.



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