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Dear Committee Members,

As a resident of the fourth district, I echo the sentiments of the many stakeholders who are opposed to Ordinance No. 240434. Repealing the 2021 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) will have adverse effects on resident's health as well as small businesses in the growing energy industry.

Buildings built to the 2021 IECC keep homes thermally comfortable for residents and can lower utility bills. These buildings are also more resilient to extreme weather events. A study done by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, a U.S Department of Energy Laboratory, found that homes built to the 2021 IECC can maintain habitable conditions for almost a full day longer during an extreme weather event. Kansas City has its fair share of extreme weather events like intense thunderstorms and high wind events. In the past year, my power has gone out 3 times. You can imagine how cold or hot a resident's home can become with no heat or air for several hours. Keeping this ordinance will allow newly constructed homes or major rehab buildings to better protect residents.

Buildings built to these standards better protect indoor occupants from outdoor hazards. Today, due to Canadian wildfires, the Kansas City region is in the top 3 cities for worst air quality. Particulate matter from the smoke can trigger asthma and other health conditions in our most vulnerable residents.

Additionally, local businesses will be affected should Ordinance No. 240434 be passed. The clean energy jobs industry is quickly growing and several existing businesses have already invested time and resources into adhering to the current energy code. Rolling it back would unnecessarily harm small entrepreneurs and delay the creation of additional clean energy jobs in our region.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,
Brittanie Giroux