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To Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee members:

For my career, I work as an environmental advocate and a point of communication for community members to reach out to about concerns with environmental justice, environmental health, and sustainability. I have also lived in various areas in Kansas City proper and in the Metro area for most of my life. Through my role in my work as well as in my role as a community member, I have seen how much Kansas City has grown and developed and it has been very exciting.
However, with the growth and development of KC, I feel that it is very important to make sure that we grow as a sustainable and climate friendly city. KC Ordinance #240434 concerns me because I feel that this would do the opposite. Adopting Ordinance #240434 would eliminate the time and money of researchers, contractors, renewable energy organizations, and builders that worked to create the 2021 energy plan and educate themselves and their employees to create effective and compliant building plans. Not only this, but as we move into the future, we as a society need to be moving to renewable energy and energy efficiency. This ordinance would eliminate thousands of clean energy jobs and decrease energy efficiency for new homes despite the availability of updated technology and modern construction methods to increase efficiency.
Another concern is that this ordinance would remove insulation inspection and all energy testing for a large number of homes. This would be a major concern for home-buyers, realtors, and the City for not enforcing their own codes if items are missed or installed incorrectly.
Please consider the points above and the voices of other concerned community members and organizations on whether KC Ordinance #240434 is a good idea for Kansas City.

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