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I apologize, I had to leave today's hearing for another meeting, but wanted to ensure that you all saw the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) testimony in favor of this resolution:

Good Morning. I'm Jamie Green with Greenhouse Consulting representing the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

NRDC is supportive of the Council approving the Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan #**220596**. NRDC is also supportive of stating in the Plan that Kansas City shall pursue solutions that achieve carbon reductions consistent with the need for energy affordability and reliability. This should not be controversial, The Plan should make it clear by including such language.

NRDC also asks that the Council quickly follow up its support of the Plan with concrete actions – ordinances and not just resolutions – to help put KCMO on the path to achieving its emission targets; embraced in the Plan and also approved in Resolution **200005** two years ago (5/14/2020). The sooner we start the more likely we are to achieve the goals.

An immediate, important concrete action, that the Council should take, is adoption of updated energy efficiency requirements for new construction is ordinance **220364**. It makes no sense to allow construction of leaky buildings that end up with occupants being uncomfortable on hot summer days and cold winter days; paying far too much for their energy bills; and cause stress on the energy delivery systems. Building inefficient buildings and then going back to

fix them a few years later is obviously a very bad idea – especially when we are trying to help existing buildings be more efficient, as called for in the new Climate Plan.

Lastly, NRDC would like to see KCMO do everything possible to take advantage of the significant federal support now available for reducing emissions from the buildings and transportation sectors. On the buildings side, the recently formed Building Energy Exchange, a project of Climate Action KC, stands ready to help.

We look forward to working with the Council on concrete next steps to achieve emission reduction goals that help grow our economy, create good jobs, lower energy costs, and advance electric system reliability.

Thank You.