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Chairman Bergquist and members of the Committee:

I am testifying today in support of Senate Bill 162 to give Crawford and Riley Counties the power to take action on nuisance abatements in unincorporated areas within their respective counties.

I am not familiar with Riley County so I cannot speak as to that portion of the bill however I am a native of Crawford County and having lived there off and on most of my life I am aware of why the power granted to the county in this bill is important. The Eastern part of Crawford County has a number of unincorporated communities that have evolved from coal mining camps. Franklin, Croweburg, Chickopee, Opolis and others are non-agricultural residential areas with significant numbers of residents without a municipal government. Residents of such communities need a governing body to be able to regulate nuisance complaints. For this reason I stand in support of Senate Bill 162.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Collins', written in a cursive style.

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