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## **Energy Efficiency Improvements HB 2649**

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports House Bill 2649, the Kansas Energy Efficiency Act of 2016.

This program offers a new financing mechanism that allows business owners, in partnership with local governments, to finance energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy investments.

Kansas City has many older buildings, both commercial and industrial, which could potentially benefit from this legislation. The Fairfax Industrial District is an example. While Fairfax is home to the very modern General Motors manufacturing facility, it is also home to many aging buildings which could become more viable by making energy efficiency improvements. The same is true for a number of commercial and office buildings in our downtown area.

The entire process would be voluntary and only used by businesses and property owners who choose to do so. The State of Missouri passed similar legislation several years ago.

Thank you for your consideration of this innovative program.