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March 15, 2013

Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation Senator Les Donovan, Chairman 123-East Kansas State Capitol Topeka, KS 66612

Chairman Donovan and Honorable Members of the Committee:

The Rural Opportunity Zone (ROZ) was passed in 2011 and included 50 counties. SB231 will expand the number of counties in the ROZ program to include 22 counties with populations of approximately 15,000, or less.

This program has been successful in western and central Kansas. There have been 743 applications since July 1, 2011. 420 were approved. Of those who applied, 252 of these were from out of state—the top five states were: Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, Texas and Florida. The amount of student loan forgiveness has totaled \$396,721 since July 1, 2012.

We are asking for your support of SB231, so that more rural counties in Kansas may also participate in, and benefit from, this program.

Sincerely,

Caryn Tyson

District 12

Senator Elaine Bowers Senator Forrest Knox Senator Jeff Longbine Senator Garrett Love Senator Larry Powell Representative Edwin Bideau III Representative Marty Read Representative Randy Garber Representative Steven Johnson Representative Susan Concannon

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