Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation Proponent Testimony on SB 135 • February 19, 2019

Madam Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 135, regarding rural opportunity zones. Strengthening communities throughout Kansas is at the core of the mission of the Kansas Association of Counties. Rural Opportunity Zones are a tool that can be used to revitalize those communities. The Kansas Association of Counties wants to make those tools available to as many rural communities as possible.

The Kansas Association of Counties supports the addition of Atchison, Cowley, Crawford, Dickinson, Franklin, and Pottawatomie counties to the definition of Rural Opportunity Zone. This change allows these counties to access the benefits of rural opportunity zones under the Department of Commerce.

Please support our rural communities by supporting SB 135. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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