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To: Kansas Senate Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee

Re: Support for SB 59

Members of the Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee:

Please accept this statement of support for the passage of SB 49, the Eudora community library act.

The Eudora Library has become an important part of our town. This little library does so much more than it size should allow. On average 150 people check out books from the Eudora Library each day. That equates to over 44,000 items a year, this is double the amount from 10 years ago. Not to be forgotten is the library's children and teen programming that serves over 450 yearly with literacy programs and special programs.

The Eudora library is so much more than just an old library especially in the summer. They host a free food program, Feeding Eudora, during the summer months for the entire community, reaching all marginalized children and residents. Last summer, Feeding Eudora served 4,331 free lunches. For Eudora senior citizens unable to visit the library they have just launched a book delivery service. The impact the Library has on our town is why I'm proud to be a supporter.

Our library has existed since being approved by a vote of the people in 1968. SB 59 would keep our tradition of great library service for 50 years going. The establishment of an autonomous district by a joint resolution of the City Commission and the Township Board will bring together a greater representation of our community and increase access to vital resources and partnerships in order to expand our library and programs in the future.

Thank you for considering this bill and how the outcome will improve the quality of life for the Eudora community.

Sincerely,

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