

TO: House Taxation Committee

FROM: Johnathan Durrett (CEO of Fredonia Regional Hospital)

DATE: February 1, 2022

RE: House Bill 2500 (Proponent)

On behalf of Fredonia Regional Hospital we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of House Bill 2500.

This bill is important because it ensures that the voters of Wilson County are able to decide how they would like to provide funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within Wilson County without jeopardizing existing city sales tax funding sources for Fredonia Regional Hospital and Wilson Medical Center.

The bill allows Wilson County to provide a path for the voters of Wilson County to decide whether or not to fund their EMS services with a county-wide sales tax without putting Fredonia Regional Hospital's or Wilson Medical Center's respective city sales tax funding in jeopardy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments on this matter. We ask that the committee recommend favorably House Bill 2500.

Respectfully,

Johnathan Durrett, MHSA Chief Executive Officer Fredonia Regional Hospital