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TO: Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee
FROM: Kris Marple, Wilson County Coordinator
DATE: March 3, 2022
RE: Senate Bill 403 (Proponent)

Dear Chairwoman Tyson, and members of the Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee, on behalf of the Board of Wilson County Commissioners, we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 403.

This bill is important because it will allow the voters of Wilson County to vote on a county-wide sales tax to fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within Wilson County without jeopardizing the existing city sales tax funding for Fredonia Regional Hospital in Fredonia and Wilson Medical Center in Neodesha, as indicated by the current sales tax law.

The bill clarifies language to make it clear that if Wilson County voters pass a county-wide sales tax for EMS funding, that it will not cancel the current city sales taxes in Fredonia & Neodesha for their respective hospitals, which have been funded by it for decades.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments on this matter. We ask that the committee recommend Senate Bill 403 favorably for passage.

Sincerely,

WILSON COUNTY, KANSAS



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