



Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Sen. Caryn Tyson, Chair  
Sen. Virgil Peck, Vice-Chair

March 10, 2023

RE: Testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 248


Honorable Senators and Committee Members:

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you in opposition to Senate Bill 248. The result of this measure would significantly impact our ability to provide vital public services, absent a property tax increase. This legislation would negatively impact our police, fire, parks, pool, recreational facilities, public works, streets, and essential operational and administrative functions. Although the State may choose to replace this revenue source, how long until that support goes the way of the Local Ad Valorem Tax Relief Fund (LAVTR) and assistance for lost revenue from the Commercial Machinery and Equipment property tax legislation?

In our case, sales tax revenues from groceries equate to nearly 17.5 mills, 30% of our total property tax mill levy. Combined with recent Revenue Neutral Rate mandates, this would further hamper our ability to provide needed public services.

Please do not support Senate Bill 248, as its harm outweighs the benefit to our citizens. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Bradley Eilts  
City Manager