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Dear Senator Tyson,

I am writing to you, to respectfully request a hearing on SB127. This sales tax question is very important to all of the first responders in Dickinson County. With a hearing and ultimate approval of SB127, we will be able to collect sales tax to be used to purchase vital communications equipment for first responders to communicate county-wide. We have several areas of our county where current communications equipment fail to operate effectively, potentially placing first responders' lives in jeopardy by not being able to communicate with our dispatch center and other agencies. In a large majority of After Action Reviews conducted to see what can be improved on a fireground or other emergency scene, the first thing usually included in the report is a failure of communications. In Dickinson County we are trying to be proactive and upgrade our communications systems, which may aid in saving additional life and property, and we are respectfully asking for your help by holding a hearing on SB127. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kale Strunk  
Fire Chief  
City of Abilene, KS