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FR: Roger Bixenman-Superintendent
Hays Recreation Commission
1105 Canterbury
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TO: House Bill 2384
Chairman and Members of the House Taxation Committee

Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee:

We are an agency member of the Kansas Recreation and Park Association and serve patrons of Ellis County and the City of Hays and surrounding communities. We provide recreation services for ages 0-99 which includes the areas of wellness, sports, leisure and aquatic programs. We have provided these services for over 50 years and have seen an abundance of growth in all of these areas.

We as a commission are opposed to any amendment on House Bill 2384 that would create barriers for our patrons of government-operated recreational services. We provide these services that are affordable for families with varying levels of household income. As a recreation commission we take tremendous pride in offering these services at an affordable rate for all of our patrons.

These recreation services are an important part of building the "quality of life" in our community. Taxing government operated recreation facilities would disproportionately create another barrier for low income Kansans to stay healthy. Please, we ask you to take in to consideration any amendment on House Bill 2384 for the continued success of providing recreation services at an affordable cost for the patrons of our community.

Thank you for your consideration and if I could be of any further assistance please feel free to contact me at 785-623-2650 or roger@haysrec.org.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger Bixenman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Roger Bixenman CPRP