

April 3, 2019

Representative Steve Johnson, Chair
Taxation Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

Ref: Written only Testimony in Support of HB 125

Dear Representative Johnson,

Thank you for considering this testimony in full support of House Bill 125 to extend the eligible time period for Rural Opportunity Zones loan repayment and income tax credit.

As actively participating counties in the ROZ program, we all have realized the beneficial impact that this initiative has brought to our communities across the State. Our rural communities are faced with the threat of declining population and this program has been an integral resource to offer assistance in recruiting trained and educated workforce back to our counties.

The following organizations fully support the passing of this bill:

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