

TO: House Taxation Committee
FROM: Eddy R. Truelove
DATE: February 1, 2022
RE: House Bill 2500 (Proponent)

On behalf of the City of Neodesha, we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of House Bill 2500.

This bill is important because it significantly enhances our ability for local determination on how we choose to fund Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within Wilson County, and allows for the continuation of critical city sales tax funding, for health care services, by Wilson Medical Center and Fredonia Regional Hospital.

The bill allows Wilson County to provide a path for the voters of Wilson County to decide whether or not to fund their EMS services with a county-wide sales tax without putting Wilson Medical Center's or Fredonia Regional Hospital's respective city sales tax funding in jeopardy.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We ask that the committee recommend favorably House Bill 2500.

Respectfully,



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