



CHEROKEE COUNTY AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

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Honorable Chair Tyson and members of the Assessment and Taxation Committee:

Cherokee County Ambulance requests consideration be provided to assist Kansas non-profit ground ambulance services who receive a local county tax subsidy in maintaining the financial and operational health of the services they provide the citizens of Kansas.

Our request is your consideration to allow a sales tax exemption for the few non-profit ambulance services in Kansas that receive a local tax subsidy. This sales tax exemption is already received by the vast majority of ambulance services in Kansas operated by local government entities.

In the 19 months ending September 30, 2021 Cherokee County Ambulance received \$709,000 in county tax subsidy. We purchased \$585,000 of equipment during this period. 2 new ambulances at \$232,378 each and approximately \$120,000 in medical equipment and supplies. The sales tax on this equipment would amount to over \$52,000 of local tax subsidy dollars being used to pay Kansas sales tax.

In 2022 we are purchasing an additional ambulance for \$159,000 and at least another \$85,000 in equipment and supplies. The Kansas sales tax would add an additional \$22,000 to these purchases.

Most Kansas emergency ambulance services are operated by local government entities. We are very similar operational wise and work hand in hand with our county government to provide critical emergency services to our citizens. Operating as a 501c3 non-profit corporation has some benefits versus being a county entity, but paying sales tax has always been a financial struggle for us.

We appreciate the consideration of the state of Kansas leadership in assuring a strong and vibrant EMS system.

Respectfully,

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