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Greetings

Please accept this as a missive in support of **HB2176** for the hearing set for 7 February 2023.

I submit this as a Citizen and Resident of Arkansas City, Kansas and a taxpayer.

1. It is important, as fiscal conservative, to note that about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the patrons of the local library live outside the City. Clearly, this population receives library services, without contributing to the community good. Equitable treatment would seem to direct that all users of the library would pay their "Fair Share" of the cost of operation. This bill would address that issue.
2. The library is operating in a fiscally responsible manner. However, given the rising cost of operations, an approaching fiscal ceiling, and the inability or unwillingness of the government to increase a sustainable level of giving, the library, at some point, will be faced with cutting services in order to live within the budget. This bill will help improve giving to the library without costing taxpayers, overall, an increase in an already burdensome, to some, tax rate.
3. As noted in two, the library is operating in a fiscally responsible manner. However, operations costs attributed to an aging building is "nickle and diming" the library budget immensely. This bill will help the city buy more time in order to find funding for a new library building. In other words, it will produce more income in the short term that will help meet the current operational costs while spreading that cost over a larger population and give the City some manner of hope to achieve a new library building.

Your positive consideration of this bill is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me by phone, text or email with any questions you may have.

With regards,



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