SB 196

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Chairman Tyson and Committee Senators:

I am writing to support SE 196 to restore 100% of LAVTR funds to our city and county; Iola/Allen County. What I understand is that the law requires the monies collected locally through sales taxes should be returned to the local taxpayers through property tax reduction. In Allen County \$529,000 should be returned for 2023 alone.

Recent statistics indicate that Kansas has lost 10% of its population!! That is a big number and should be upsetting everyone, especially our lawmakers in Topeka. It certainly upsets me... We are working so hard locally to maintain our population and a reduction of property taxes would go a long way to keep people and attract newcomers.

Kansas is doing so well in so many ways. To me it is only fair that this money be returned to the cities and counties. It's always the right time to do what is right for the people...

Most Sincerely,

Mary Kay Heard, Chairman of the Board of Iola Industries Iola, Kansas