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**SENATE CHAMBER**

**Proponent Testimony for SB 537**

Thank you, Chairwoman Tyson and Committee Members, for the opportunity to appear before you today in support of SB 537.

SB 537 is a short bill that has one purpose – allow Neosho County to hold an election to learn if voters in the county support the continuation of a half-cent sales tax. If the vote on the sales tax passes, the tax would sunset in 10 years.

I'll let those who live in Neosho County provide details. But, before I hand it over to them, I want to go on record as stating that I would support legislation eliminating the step of legislative approval for a local election regarding a sales tax.

I ask the Committee to recommend SB 537 favorably for passage.

I'm happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

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State Senator