

Chairman and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this chance to show my support for HB 2769. This bill brings accountability and fair representation to all communities in Kansas.

For over 25 years, in my community, appointed board members have been voting to tax communities they do not reside in.

That is not representation. It is taxation without a stake in the outcome, and it is wrong.

HB 2769 simply requires that if a city, county, or unified city and county government creates one of these taxing areas and appoints a governing body, every member must actually live inside the taxing area. This applies only when property taxes are being imposed on those residents, or when the board is authorized to set the budget and spend those tax dollars, on local services.

This common-sense measure, brings real accountability home to all communities in Kansas.

Today, I strongly urge you all to pass HB 2769.

Thank you for your time.

Stephanie Barton