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Dear Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

It is with deep conviction that we fully support the Senate Bill 223-Russell County Sales Tax. As a Russell County Commissioner District #1, a USD #407 school board member, a Big Creek Township Trustee, and proud Russell County landowners, this senate bill will apply a sales tax to every purchase in the county, whether it be made by a county resident or by a person traveling through Russell County. During these tough economic times of crop and livestock production, this proposed tax will spare the men and women who own property and/or farmland from shouldering the bulk of monies raised by property taxes for schools.

As lifelong Russell County residents, we completely understand and agree that USD #407 facilities are in desperate need of improvement and revamping. We feel that a sales tax is the fairest form of taxation to aid the district with additional revenue for renovations and future development.

Sincerely,

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