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Oral proponent of **Senate Bill 108**

Madame Chair and Members of the Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee: I am a lifelong resident of Wyandotte County except when I attended college. Wyandotte County has some of the highest paying jobs in the state of Kansas, but residents of Wyandotte County also pay the highest property taxes in the state of Kansas. This is a major reason seventy percent (70%) of the workforce does not live in Wyandotte County.

The current economy in Wyandotte County simply loses people and revenue. This bill would allow a maximum 1% earnings tax on all employees in the county, including non-residents, to help with infrastructure and other general purpose county needs.

We in Wyandotte County would like to be self-sustaining and support ourselves. The passage of **Senate Bill 108** is necessary to help our County attract and maintain residents while increasing its revenues. As a representative from Wyandotte County and a resident of the County, I would appreciate your help in the passage of **Senate Bill 108**.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wanda Brownlee Paige". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wanda Brownlee Paige
Representative of the 35th District