



**To:** Chairman Larry Alley and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce  
**From:** City Manager, Nickolaus J. Hernandez, and the City of Dodge City Commission  
**Date:** February 19, 2025  
**Subject:** Testimony in Support of SB 227

Chairman Alley and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce  
Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on behalf of the City of Dodge City in support of Senate Bill No. 227.

The City of Dodge City's Legislative Policy has consistently supported historic rehabilitation tax credits. Dodge City would greatly benefit from an expansion of the existing tax credits to include populations up to 50,000. The City of Dodge City along with the Southwest Kansas Coalition (SKC) including the cities of Garden City and Liberal has included our legislative agenda prioritizes enhancements to the rehabilitation tax credit program.

This program is essential to revitalizing southwest Kansas communities. Without them, projects such as the restoration of the historic Santa Fe Depot and the rehabilitation of the buildings in Dodge City's Downtown Historic District, would not be possible.

It is for all the reasons above that the City of Dodge City strongly urges your support of SB 227. Your consideration of our testimony and your support of SB 86 is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Nickolaus J. Hernandez  
City Manager

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