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Wednesday, January 23, 2019

Testimony Regarding House Bill 2033

The Honorable Chairman Johnson and members of the House Tax Committee:

I submit testimony in favor of House Bill 2033, namely due to the provisions regarding Russell County. In December of 2017, I had a meeting with the Russell County Administrator, Russell County Economic Development Director, Russell County Clerk, and the Russell County Commissioners who expressed a need to change the existing law which states that Russell County's sales tax for economic development must come up for a vote every five years. They expressed that they would like to have this changed from five to ten years.

During the discussion, they indicated that in no election has the sales tax failed when it has been an initiative on the ballot. They also commented that the county would be able to save funds if the vote on the sales tax was every ten years.

For these reasons, I support the language in House Bill 2033, not only just for Russell County, but for all the counties that are mentioned in the bill.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Troy L. Waymaster'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end. It is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

Troy L. Waymaster
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