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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce, thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of S.B. 190, *AN ACT concerning transportation; relating to new road construction or bridge improvement plans; authorizing transfers from the state general fund to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund and county and city revenue sharing fund if certain conditions are met.*

This legislation would allow, from FY 2020 through FY 2030, a county to submit a plan for new construction of a road or bridge to the Secretary of Transportation. If the Secretary approves the plan, the county would receive the county's share of the LAVTRF during the fiscal years necessary to complete the project. The bill would also eliminate the provision allowing transfers in certain fiscal years to be considered revenue transfers. Under current law, transfers from the State General Fund to the LAVTRF are considered demand transfers.

Kansas has a proud history of providing and maintaining for a strong transportation system. Local units of government certainly have played and will continue to play a valuable role in maintaining and building roads and bridges. However, much in the same way that the state has struggled for resources, so to have local units of government. S.B. 90 will help locals fund critical projects vital to economic development and commerce within the state.

For these reasons and more, we urge the Committee to report S.B. 190 favorable for passage.

Thank you and I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Respectfully,

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