

Bill #2176
Letter of Support

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Dear Chairman and Committee Members,

As a Udall Public Library Board Member and patron, I am writing in favor of Bill #2176. Under this bill the local people would be able to vote to determine what the taxing boundary should be, either one based on the city limits or one based on the school district limits.

Our little library is beginning to thrive and is well used by the community. We now have a new attractive building and our numbers are up significantly. It has quickly become a place for people to gather. As of June 1st, 2022, our cardholders from outside the city limits equaled 135, with the cardholders from within the city limits being at 174. We now have a fully automated check-out system. Udall is a small town and the library provides a much needed space for people to gather.

I support changing the taxing boundaries from one that is only based on the city limits, to one which includes all those residing within the school district limits. Our school district is comprised only of the schools in Udall.

Basing the taxing boundary on the school district, would enable those patrons residing outside the city limits to have their taxes go directly to support their local library so that it can continue to grow and expand its services.

The people outside the city limits, but within the school district are already paying taxes to South Central Kansas Library System. Our proposed law would allow their taxes to go to our local library. This would help everyone. Changing the taxing boundaries would most likely reduce the mil levy down to 1. This would reduce the taxes for people both in the city and the country.

I also believe that including a mil levy, ceiling limit in the bill could be detrimental at some time in the future. It is not required by law and I believe that the local people are the best judges of how much if any it should be raised at any given time.

Please help us to make our proposed law a reality.

Respectfully yours,
Kristen McReynolds