

January 10, 2023

Written Testimony to Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee
Honorable Chair, Senator Caryn Tyson
John Gauntt, Committee Assistant
785-296-2713, Room 540-S, State Capitol Building

Proponent Testimony Senate Bill 196
Hearing: Thu., January 11, 2023, 9:30 am, Room 540-S
Sherri Grogan

Dear Madame Chairwoman and Committee Members,


As a resident and voter, I am writing in support of restoring the LAVTR funds. Reinstating the Local Ad Valorem transfers:

- Return sales tax revenue to local government per state statute.
- Provide the opportunity for local government to offset the mill levies because of the additional funding.

What concerns me the most is the State has been withholding the transfers and using the funds for its own programs and projects rather than trusting local government with the funds. In other words, the State is sacrificing local services and making local government look like the bad guy for covering the cost of basic services. It is also interesting that the state law was not changed when the funds were first withheld. It is as if the desire was there to keep the tool in place "just in case".

I encourage you to support SB196. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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