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To: Chairman Steven Johnson and the House Taxation Committee Members
From: Casie Risley, City Administrator, City of Caldwell
Subject: Written Testimony in Support of HB 2424

Dear Chairman Johnson and House Taxation Committee Members,

I am writing in support of HB 2424 that includes new tax lid language for *increases in employer contributions for social security, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, health care costs, employee benefit plans and employee retirement/pension programs.*

This year alone, the City of Caldwell had a \$10,000 workers compensation insurance premium increase. We had a public works employee that was attacked on the job by an unstable person that ended with \$44,000 in medical expenses. This expense, like rising health insurance premiums many times cannot be planned for, at no vault of the City.

As tax payers ourselves, the City's administration and governing body is always mindful of how increasing the mill levy will affect our citizens, we ARE part of that citizenry.

I respectfully urge you to vote in support of HB 2424 and help put less restrictions on Kansas municipalities in regards to the tax lid.

Kind Regards,

Casie Risley
City Administrator