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To: Chairman Steven Johnson and Members of the House Taxation Committee

Re: Testimony in Support of HB 2626

Dear Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to come before this body in support of the City of Pratt and HB 2626. This Bill is actually a companion Bill to HB 2628 which was heard earlier today in the House Local Government Committee.

The Bill heard in Local Government simply outlined the process and granted the City of Pratt a means to dissolve the Pratt Airport Authority if they so choose. The Airport Authority currently has a taxing authority and this Bill HB 2626 would simply allow this authority to be transferred to the City of Pratt, should they choose, at some future point in time to dissolve the Airport Authority.

Looking forward: Kansas will continue to consolidate entities, many with taxing authority and funding needs. Such clarification in Tax Policy will only help in consolidation. Consolidation, which has the protentional of increased efficiency and cost reductions.

Thank you for your consideration on HB 2626 and your service to the Great State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

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