



February 20, 2017

SB 165

Written Testimony before the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

Chairman LaTurner and members of the Committee:

The City of Wichita supports the concept of allowing longer term entertainment districts in the state. Currently, Kansas statutes allow for temporary districts, which have been successfully used in Wichita to promote events, fairs or festivals in the city. We support the expansion of these temporary districts to make them longer in duration, with local flexibility, input and approval.

Wichita has areas that would fit well into the entertainment district concept contemplated by this bill. The City believes that these districts would bring additional citizens and tourists to these venues and increase revenue to the city and the state.

While the City of Wichita supports the concept of an entertainment district, we recognize that there are some problems with SB 165 as it is currently written. We would like to encourage the parties to work together so that this bill moves forward.

Thank you for your time and please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeff Longwell'.

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