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CHEROKEE, KANSAS

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March 6, 2020

To: Chairman Steven Johnson and House Taxation Committee Members

From: Marianne Kossman, Cherokee City Clerk & Dale Thompson, Mayor

RE: Written only Testimony in Opposition to HB 2656

Chairman Johnson and House Taxation Committee Members,  
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to HB 2656 on behalf  
of the City of Cherokee.

According to our information, the City of Cherokee receives approximately \$60,000 from the county sales tax. We are very distressed to hear that the passage of this bill could have the potential to decrease the amount of money we receive from the county sales tax. We are a 3rd class City with a population of approximately 750. We depend on the sales tax distributions to help pay for much needed repairs and upkeep on an aging water plant, water tower and street maintenance and upgrades. We are currently repaying a KDHE Loan on the Sewer Lagoon upgrades. We also have lease purchase agreements on a Police Station and Storm Shelter. If there were changes in the sales tax distributions, it could greatly impact the city's ability to keep the streets repaired, perform upgrades on the water plant and tower and maintain debt repayment.

Evidently, the current formula has been working since it went into effect in 1978, so we see no need to change it now.

Based on this testimony, the City of Cherokee requests that you not approve HB 2656.

Thank you for allowing us to make a written statement opposing HB 2656.

Sincerely,

Marianne Kossman  
Cherokee City Clerk

Dale Thompson  
Mayor