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Testimony in Support of SB 125 – Extending the eligible time period for rural opportunity zones loan repayment program and income tax credit. Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Honorable Chair – Caryn Tyson Vice Chair – Dan Kerschen Ranking Minority – Tom Holland Honorable Committee Members

Thank you, Madam Chair and esteemed members of the Committee! Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak in support of Senate Bill 125 today.

It is no secret that rural communities throughout Kansas are struggling. In fact, the House this year formed the Rural Revitalization Committee, a new committee dedicated to addressing this issue. With the revitalization of rural communities being such an important issue, giving these communities every opportunity is of the utmost importance. Therefore, I urge you to pass SB 125 out favorably from this committee, so that this important tool in the rural revitalization tool box is not lost.

Thank you, Chairman, Tyson and Committee for your time and consideration it was an honor to speak before you!

Thank you,

Senator Richard Hilderbrand

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