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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE KANSAS STATE SENATE STATE CAPITOL TOPEKA, KANSAS

Dear Committee Members:

Please vote YES on sb59, Eudora Community Library District Act.

I write in support of this issue that is very important to the community of Eudora. Our Public Library was established fifty (50) years ago by a vote of the community.

I was privileged to support our Public Library in 1968 and am still happy to support it.

The Eudora Township Public Library has been an important part of our community. It was endangered by the statutory rules governing Second Class Cities. We are happy that the City of Eudora reached the size that it could be a Second Class City. It is a wonderful community. However, because it is now a Second Class City it is no longer part of the Eudora Township and, therefore, our Public library is in danger unless you support sb59.

I believe you will find the Eudora City Commission and the Eudora Township Board are in support of sb59 as is the Eudora Library Board. In fact you will find wide community support for this vital institution that provides the Eudora Community with important services related to a contemporary Public Library.

Sb59 truly fits the needs and desires of the Eudora community. By allowing the establishment of the Library District, by joint resolution of the City Council and the Township Board, it continues the system that has survived and prospered for fifty (50) years. Establishing the Library District as its own taxing authority and giving it the right to hold elections for bonds provides it with the tools needed for growth that will allow the library to continue to serve the growing community of Eudora.

I am confident that each of you is aware of the importance of a thriving public library to a community. Please help us keep our library.

Respectfully submitted,

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