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Memo to: Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee of the Kansas Senate

Regarding: SB 59

One of the most appealing things we found in the Eudora Community when we moved here 5 years ago was the Public Library. Not only is the local staff welcoming and helpful but the library is connected to a network of surrounding communities that share books as needed. From the comfort of my home I "order" books I want to read and via email I know that the book requested will be available for me in the Eudora Library. What a treasure! This encourages senior persons to stay engaged. Many times when I visit the Library there are many children happily engaged in activities provided by the library staff. These two examples demonstrate the value to our community from both ends of the life span. A Library is one of the corner stones of community.

I encourage the passage of SB 59 to establish a district by a joint resolution of the City Commission and the Township Board, the appointment of a Board of Directors, and the establishment of a library district to become its own taxing entity.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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