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February 12, 2024

Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Hearing: Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Room 548-S

Re: Testimony in opposition of SB 468

To Chair Caryn Tyson and Members of the Committee:

I am opposed to the passage of SB 468 due to the negative impact it will have on statutorily authorized economic development incentives. By tying the Revenue Neutral Rate legislation to incentives used to draw businesses and increase the overall tax base of cities, this bill would serve as a major impediment to the growth of cities.

The City of Haysville has lowered its mill rate by over 6 mills over the last five budget processes. Cities don't need more heavy-handed legislation to be fiscally responsible. We have elected officials that share in the responsibility of ensuring Haysville operates in a conservative, fiscally restrained manner.

I urge you to vote no on SB 468.

Sincerely,

Russ Kessler
Mayor