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In Person

To: House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development

From: Michael A. Padilla, Mayor of the City of Topeka

Date: 2/15/23

Re: HB 2336

I would like to thank Chairman Tarwater and the Committee for allowing the City of Topeka the opportunity to testify today in support of HB 2336.

This is an exciting time to live and work in Topeka. As a community, we are focused on economic development and revitalizing our community. I have made it a focus of my mayoral term. One of the key partners in this effort is the Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA).

The bonding authority for airport authorities has not been modified in over thirty years. Due to inflation and other costs, I support the effort to increase the bonding limit from \$1 million to \$10 million before a public vote is required.

The MTAA is working on several key economic development issues and this increase in bonding limits will help in those efforts.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor
City of Topeka