



BIRD CITY CENTURY II
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Members of the House Committee on Taxation
Kansas State Capitol
Room 346-S
Topeka, Kansas

RE: House Bill 2208

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Bird City Century II Development Foundation, I am writing in support of HB 2208: "concerning taxation; relating to income and privilege tax credits; enacting the Endow Kansas Tax Credit Act; establishing a tax credit for endowment gifts to certain endowment funds held by qualified community foundations." The Bird City Century II Development Foundation serves the community of Bird City, Kansas, and the Cheylin USD 103 school district.

As a rural community foundation, flexible funds and endowment funding play a critical role in sustaining and growing the initiatives that support our region. These funds empower our foundation to address immediate needs while also building a reserve for future projects. For example, through our unrestricted funds, we have supported projects such as the Cougar Cub Daycare, ensuring access to quality childcare, and have played a vital role in the development of the Bird City Health Clinic, a project that has been years in the making and already raised over \$500,000 to serve the medical needs of our community.

Building these flexible funds through initiatives like Endow Kansas would allow us to expand our capacity to respond to emerging needs, such as addressing housing shortages or creating recreational opportunities for our youth, while also planning for sustainable long-term growth. Tax credits for endowment gifts would incentivize charitable giving, providing rural communities like ours with much-needed resources to support education, healthcare, and community development for generations to come.

I strongly encourage the Committee to advance HB 2208 as it will be instrumental in enabling Kansas communities to thrive and flourish through the power of endowment giving.

Sincerely,



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