

Chairman Aurand and members of the House Education Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you in support of SB 155.

This bill allows the future property tax from development of the old Kansas Army Ammunition Plant to be shared proportionally among the current four school districts located in Labette County. The potential for growth on the Ammunition Plant is unlimited. As the property is developed by the Great Plains Development Authority over the next five to fifty years, all of southeast Kansas will benefit.

Labette County, Jobs Inc., and the City of Parsons have spent thousands of dollars and countless hours working on this and believe this to be an important project. All of Labette County has a vested interest in this endeavor.

Please carefully consider the testimony that is presented. This project is unlike any other in the state of Kansas. The property was originally a part of many small school districts in several Labette communities and has not been on the tax rolls since before unification occurred. Thank you for allowing me to testify today. I urge your support of SB 155.

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