

To: Senator Les Donovan, Chairman, and Members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

From: Barbara Albright, Bourbon County Commissioner

Thank you for your efforts to include Bourbon County as a Rural Opportunity Zone. The financial incentives for residents moving to our county would be most beneficial. The help with student loan repayments up to \$15,000 could give a real "boost" to conscientious young adults wanting to pay down or pay off the cost of higher education. Their expertise and training, in turn, would be most welcomed in our county. Also, the Kansas income tax waivers for up to five years could help those starting homes and businesses in our county.

Again, I applaud you for working to include our County of Bourbon in Southeast Kansas.

Sincerely,

Barbara Albright  
Bourbon County 2nd District Commissioner