March 2, 2016

Dear Committee Members:

It is a pleasure to write a letter in support of the Quinter Airport Development project. I have worked for the Gove County Medical Center since 1987 and have seen many times the need to transport patients by air ambulance. This is a farming community located directly on Interstate 70 so we have a variety of critical accidents.

The Gove County Healthcare Endowment Foundation has been very instrumental in recognizing projects for the Gove County Medical Center (GCMC) that will improve healthcare in Gove County and the surrounding regions. GCMC is a Critical Access Hospital and serves a large rural area.

The Quinter Airport project would significantly decrease the amount of time it would take to transfer a patient in critical condition to a larger facility equipped with specialists trained to treat such conditions and increase the chance of survival for the patient.

Please consider Gove County Healthcare Endowment Foundation's request for status on sales tax and property tax on the House Bills drafted for their airport project.

Sincerely,

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