



March 3, 2016

Representative Marvin KleeB
14206 Eby
Overland Park, KS 66221

Re: House Bill 2609

Chairman KleeB,

The City of El Dorado has been able to compete for several industrial, housing and business projects over the past ten years. Successful completion of these projects has allowed us to increase our tax base, maintain and expand our infrastructure, and continue the same level of service for our citizens while keeping a consistent mill levy. Utilization of the municipal cost index in House Bill 2609 as opposed to the consumer price index allows cities to use an applicable and effective measurement tool for future planning.

House Bill 2609 will allow cities to continue offering incentives to potential business and industry, thus growing our tax base. The bill will also encourage cities to use alternative methods of development such as self-performing construction work.

Kansas communities have historically been led by professional managers who take pride in providing exceptional financial leadership. House Bill 2609 allows those managers to react to their community needs.

Questions regarding the information included can be sent to the City Clerk, Tabitha Sharp, at cityclerk@eldoks.com or 316-321-9100.

Respectfully,

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