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To: Kansas House Committee on Taxation  
From: Lucas Goff  
RE: Proponent for House Bill 2341 to designate Cowley County as a ROZ

On behalf of the Cowley County Board of Commissioners I wish to offer our support and endorsement of the request of designating Cowley County a ROZ county as presented in HB2341.

Cowley County fully supports the Cowley First- Cowley County Economic Development Partnership as they aid and support economic growth of our County. With Cowley County being close to The City of Wichita, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the State of Kansas, there is more of a challenge for retaining families to live and work in a smaller community instead of relocating to the bigger city. Being a ROZ County will aide in keeping people to fill the manufacturing, teaching and healthcare positions and incentivizes those who graduate from local colleges to stay in this area.

We appreciate the support for Cowley County and its economic growth.

Sincerely,

Lucas Goff  
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