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February 16, 2017

House Committee on Taxation

Re: HB 2341

On behalf of the City of Parkerfield, I strongly support the passage of HB 2341 naming Cowley County as a Rural Opportunity Zone county. The benefits of the programs associated with ROZ would benefit not just Parkerfield but the county as a whole.

The bedroom community of Parkerfield is populated with professionals that work in bordering Arkansas City at businesses such as GE Aviation, Cowley College, USD 470 or at one of the financial institutions-to name a few. With housing opportunities and room to grow tools such as the ROZ program would be beneficial to Parkerfield. We feel we would have the potential to attract young professionals due to job availability and proximity to the largest city in the county, but to be competitive with other states and communities ROZ is a necessary component.

As the Mayor of Parkerfield, I would appreciate your support of HB 2341.

Sincerely,

Michael Bergagnini

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Mayor of Parkerfield