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To: Caryn Tyson, Chair  
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee  
Ref: SB 203- Cowley County addition to ROZ

This letter is to show our continued support for Cowley County to be added to the ROZ (Rural Opportunity Zone) program.

If added, our school district-subject to Board approval, will use the business sponsorship piece of the program to recruit qualified employees to Cowley County. We will provide the matching \$1,500 for employees that we recruit that also meet the program requirements of moving to Cowley County having student debt.

This will give us an enhanced recruitment offer to eligible employees and ask that you approve SB 203 - adding Cowley County to ROZ. With thanks, I am,

Sincerely,

Ron E. Ballard  
Superintendent of Schools

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