



March 13, 2017

TO: Kansas Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee  
FROM: Jeremy Willmoth, Winfield City Manager  
RE: Proponent for Senate Bill 203 to designate Cowley County as a ROZ

Dear Chairman Caryn Tyson:

On behalf of the Winfield City Commissioners, I wish to lend our support and endorsement of Senate Bill 203 to designate Cowley County as a Rural Opportunity Zone.

The City is supportive of this measure, and we believe that it will allow our community to become more competitive and attractive in our efforts to recruit and retain qualified skilled workers to our community. Our businesses have a very difficult time competing with Wichita, and Ponca City. The ROZ incentives could possibly be a way to draw qualified people from Oklahoma, into Kansas and Cowley County.

We would appreciate your support and favorable consideration of this Bill for the businesses and the communities in Cowley County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Willmoth".

Jeremy Willmoth  
City Manager