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HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Honorary Members

As the Mayor of Spearville I would like for you to not pass House Bill 2219 requiring audio or video of the open meetings. The councils that serve the small communities within the State have many issues to face without this extra requirement. Many times our budgets and staff are not enough to provide for necessary infrastructure maintenance and public safety for the community. The financial expense of equipment, time management and staffing would take away from the more important responsibilities of city operations. We already provide written reports both published and online and those individuals who have additional questions or concerns are able to attend the meetings or call the board members when needed. Smaller communities have difficulties filling positions on the council and other boards. This would just be an additional obstacle for them to try and accomplish. Please let them focus on the important aspects of their governing position and not unnecessary procedures.

Thank you,

Kevin Heeke
Mayor
Spearville, Kansas