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**House Local Government Committee**

**Testimony – Proponent for House Concurrent Resolution No. 5007**

**By: Lon E. Pishny, Finney County Commissioner**

Representative Kent Thompson, Chair  
Kansas State Capitol  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, Kansas

Dear Chair Thompson and Members of the Local Government Committee:

This letter is to affirm the Finney County Board of Commissioners support for House Concurrent Resolution No. 5007 that would allow a vote of the State of Kansas voters to give counties Constitutional Home Rule authority. By doing this, we feel that the citizens of Kansas would have the opportunity to allow more local control at the county level, similar to that of city government.

Finney County's use of Home Rule under the current structure enabled by State Statute is limited to specific areas of governance that would be enhanced by this Resolution. Local control by elected officials at the county level is fundamentally an expectation of the citizenry. Therefore, we feel that it should be a county's right to choose Charter Resolutions and the use of Home Rule for items that do not contradict other state or federal laws and that are not uniform for all 105 counties.

Your time and attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.