March 15, 2019



House Committee on Local Government Rep. Kent Thompson, Chairman

Re: HCR 5007

Mr. Chairman,

The commissioners of Miami County, Kansas, encourage you to support HCR 5007 and authorize a ballot initiative for Constitutional Home Rule for Counties.

Our members believe this authority would clearly and simply empower Kansas counties to provide their constituents with the best local control over the issues closest to their homes. We also believe that Kansas voters have the right to consider whether or not their county officials should be granted authority similar to govern in a manner comparable to the state's municipalities.

Sincerely,

Phil Dixon

Miami County Chairman

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