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Honorable Kansas State Representative Steven Johnson
Chair, House Taxation Committee and Distinguished Members of the Committee

RE: House Bill 2656, Concerning Apportionment of the Countywide Sales Tax

Chairman Johnson and Distinguished Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as an opponent of this bill. Harvey County believes that the current countywide sales tax distribution formula is working for the County and the seven cities in Harvey County and does not believe that a change is needed.

Harvey County and the seven cities in Harvey County have a long history of partnership and collaboration. In 2006, we partnered on a second one-cent countywide sales tax, and worked collaboratively to develop an interlocal agreement for the distribution of this additional revenue source. While this bill would allow for County flexibility in distributing revenue generated and an interlocal agreement could be formed in lieu of using the state formula, our position is the current statute and distribution formula should remain unchanged.

On behalf of Harvey County, I ask that the Committee not pass HB 2656 out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony Swartzendruber", is written over a horizontal line.

Anthony Swartzendruber
Harvey County Administrator