

March 10, 2020

Chairwomen Caryn Tyson and Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee Members

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB 396

Chairwomen Tyson and Committee Members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 396 on behalf of the City of Holton.

The City of Holton received \$115,809.96 of the countywide sales tax in 2019. This money goes into our equipment reserve fund and is used to replace failing equipment. In the last few years this fund replaced the Police Department and City Hall servers that were over 15 years old, helped replace the clarifier at the City Water Plant and replaced our sewer jetter. Both of these units were over 30 years old. Without this sales tax money the city will not be able to replace old equipment to serve our citizens.

Based on this testimony, the City of Holton request you not to pas SB 396.

Sincerely,

Kerwin L. McKee

Holton City Manager

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