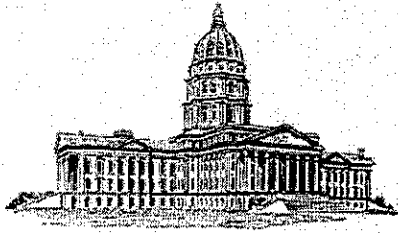


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Written Testimony

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on Senate Bill 135, regarding rural opportunity zones. When the opportunity comes to work this bill I would ask you to amend it to add Seward County to the list of counties eligible for the Rural Opportunity Zone Program. Seward County is 200 miles west of Wichita and has a population of approximately 22,000. Many of the counties being added to the program have larger populations and are closer to metropolitan areas.

Sincerely


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