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Dear members of the Ethics, Elections and Local Government Committee;

I'm writing in support of a new library building for the City of Eudora. As a mother of six avid readers, we use the library several times a week. I have told our librarians many times, that our family would be lost without the Eudora Library.

My children each read several books a week, and my family takes advantage of many of the wonderful programs offered by our library – teen and tween programming, adult programming, story time, and the summer reading program, just to name a few. Our librarians do a fantastic job of providing as many programs as they can for our community but are always limited by space. Eudora is a small town, with a wide range of socio-economic status among our residents, and many children in our community need a place to go after school and on the weekends, to work on homework, to socialize and even to feel safe. Our library needs to be able to serve these students and can only do that if they have a place for them to be. Eudora is also looking for ways to reach our senior population, through social activities and other events. The library would be the perfect location for these activities, if we had more space. In summary, our community is growing far beyond the capacity of our current building.

Our library has been in existence since being approved by a vote of the people in 1968, but the needs of our community are much different than they were 50 years ago. Our community needs this new library building and I ask that you support SB 59 and the creation of the Eudora Library District. Our Capital Campaign Steering Committee has worked diligently to get us to this place, and the passage of this bill will help tremendously. An independent Board of Directors would ensure that the Eudora Library will be able to serve the needs of our community for years to come.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote yes on SB 59.

Sincerely,

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