



March 16, 2021

TO: Rep. Jim Kelly, Chair of Financial Institutions and Rural Development  
FROM: Taggart Wall, Winfield City Manager  
RE: Proponent for HB 2431 to support revisions to ROZ program.

Dear Rep. Jim Kelly, Chair of Financial Institutions and Rural Development:

The City of Winfield wishes to convey our support for the expanded revisions to the ROZ program, particularly the population requirement changes to 35,000.

The City is supportive of this program and the benefits it can lend to communities like Winfield. We believe that ROZ has the potential to allow our community to become more competitive and attractive in our efforts to recruit and retain qualified skilled workers.

Our businesses have a very difficult time competing with Wichita, and Ponca City. The ROZ incentives could possibly be a way to draw qualified people from Oklahoma, into Kansas and Cowley County. Declining unemployment numbers continues to show evidence of the lack of workforce looking for employment.

Eligibility as a ROZ county will provide us with the additional recruitment tools to bring new employees to Cowley County and the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration. I am available to respond to any questions as needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Taggart Wall", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Taggart Wall  
City Manager

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