



February 17, 2020

Dear Chairman Johnson and Members of the Taxation Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to express our thoughts, on behalf of McPherson College, regarding the important credit card surcharge bill.

Since fiscal year 2011-2102 when I became the CFO of McPherson College, our credit card fees were \$32,475. In 2018-2019, the same fees have increased to \$67,365. That is a 107.4% increase over that time period. Over that same time, we paid approximately \$464,000 in fees. Today with that same increase in fees, we could create another entry level job for \$34,000 or enhance some of our other salaries.

Please give us the opportunity to allow us a chance to reduce these fees by having permission to ask the customer to pay in a different way or allow us to charge them for that fee, just like our governmental competitors and other state institutions do.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rick Tuxhorn' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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