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To: Chairwoman Caryn Tyson and Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee Members

From: Daron Hall, Pittsburg City Manager

Re: Testimony in Opposition to SB 396

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

I respectfully request you and the committee members not pass out SB 396 based on the following points:

- The City of Pittsburg uses 100% of the county sales taxes that it receives to fund its general fund operations including police, fire, parks, building codes, and administration.
- The financial impact of SB 396 would be devastating to the City of Pittsburg at over \$2.4 million per fiscal year or roughly 13% of the general fund operations.
- The impact of SB 396 would cause a significant reduction in City's services and a major reduction in its work force.
- It is impractical to expect that our Kansas communities will be able to provide services without tax revenue. This would be a disastrous policy.
- A majority of the citizens in Crawford County live in Pittsburg so we can more directly use those funds for services if they come directly to us.
- I truly believe that the county sales tax formula established in 1978 is fair and equitable as is.

Based on this testimony, the City of Pittsburg requests you not to pass out SB 396.