



TO: Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

FROM: Johnathan Durrett (CEO of Fredonia Regional Hospital)

DATE: March 3, 2022

RE: Senate Bill 403 (Proponent)

On behalf of Fredonia Regional Hospital we appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of Senate Bill 403.

This bill is important because it ensures that the voters of Wilson County are able to decide how they would like to provide funding for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within Wilson County without jeopardizing existing city sales tax funding sources for Fredonia Regional Hospital and Wilson Medical Center.

The bill allows Wilson County to provide a path for the voters of Wilson County to decide whether or not to fund their EMS services with a county-wide sales tax without putting Fredonia Regional Hospital's or Wilson Medical Center's respective city sales tax funding in jeopardy.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments on this matter. We ask that the committee recommend favorably Senate Bill 403.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'John Durrett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' at the end.

Johnathan Durrett, MHSA
Chief Executive Officer
Fredonia Regional Hospital