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May 5, 2017

Representatives Hambley and Kick
Members of the State & Local Government Committee

Re: HB 134

Committee Members;

On behalf of the superintendents of the school districts in Medina County who comprise the territory that is covered by the ½% Sales Tax for School Permanent Improvements, I ask for your support for the provisions included in HB 134.

I have served as a member and the chairman, of the Medina County Community Improvements Board; and I have overseen the successful use of the proceeds from this tax being put to use on important building- level permanent improvement projects in seven of our districts, but not being able to be used in the same way for the three districts whose buildings happen to lie outside of the Medina County borders.

Vital projects that include heating, ventilation, roofing, and parking lot repairs are put on hold while the Sales Tax dollars are being spent on projects that do not have the same level of urgency as the previously mentioned projects do. I urge you to allow districts that receive Sales Tax proceeds that are governed by a Community Improvements Board be allowed to use the proceeds for any appropriate permanent improvement regardless if the use is within or outside of the taxing county.

I represent the superintendents of the following school districts: Black River Local, Brunswick City, Buckeye Local, Cloverleaf Local, Highland Local, Medina City, Medina County Career Center, and Wadsworth City.

Sincerely,

William J. Koran, Superintendent
Educational Service Center of Medina County