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On Behalf Of: Curry County Fairgrounds and event center

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General  
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2948

I support HB 2948. The Curry County Fairgrounds are the designated emergency evacuation site for this county. These fairgrounds support evacuated families, pets and livestock during forest fire emergencies. Some of the buildings are used for the purpose of sheltering during extreme weather events and as refuge for persons, families, pet and livestock that are displaced due to other emergency situations that commonly arise throughout rural communities. The fairgrounds provide facilities that can accomodate the convening of larger community assemblies such as community information meetings keeping the general public informed throughout the rapidly changing situations that are a feature of large emergencies. Providing these essential services during emergencies is critical. It taxes our facility. Having access to funding the maintenance and improvements of these essential facilities will allow the fairgrounds to continue to provide and further improve the quantity and quality of our emergency services efforts. Having readily available reliable emergency facilities go will a long way to making our rural life choice a bit safer and a bit less worrisome. Along with many Cury County citizens, I urge the passing of HB 2948.