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On Behalf Of: Union County Fair Board
Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2527

Written Testimony in Support of Appropriating Funds for Water and Sewer
Improvements at the Union County Fairgrounds

Submitted by:

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Union County Fair Board Member, Past President

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To: The Members of the House Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade
Committee,

I am writing as a current member of the Union County Fair Board and as a past
president to express my strong support for the proposed appropriation of funds for
critical water and sewer improvements to the Union County Fairgrounds.

As a third-generation fair board member, I have witnessed firsthand the tremendous
value the fairgrounds bring to our community. The fairgrounds serve as the heart of
many important community events, most notably the Union County Fair. The facility
hosts a wide range of exhibitions, local festivals, and activities that draw together
people from across Union County and beyond. However, the current water and sewer
systems are outdated and do not meet the growing demands of the fairgrounds.
Additionally, the fairgrounds serve as a critical emergency site for our community. In
times of disaster, such as wildfires or severe weather, the fairgrounds are used as an
emergency shelter and resource hub. This further underscores the urgency of
upgrading the water and sewer systems, ensuring that they can properly support
large groups of people and maintain sanitary conditions during emergencies.

As someone who has worked closely with the Fair Association, I can attest to the
tremendous efforts that have gone into keeping the fairgrounds operational and
vibrant. However, without these critical improvements, the facility will continue to face
limitations that hinder its full potential. This investment is essential for both the short-
term and long-term success of the Union County Fair and the many other events that
rely on the fairgrounds.

I respectfully urge you to approve this appropriation and help secure the future of the
Union County Fairgrounds. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jamie Jo Haddock

Union County Fair Board Member, Past President