

June 9, 2021

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Dear Members of the Committee:

We urge your <u>support for HB2343</u>, an essential tool for our communities to use in protecting investments in enterprise zones and jobs in our communities.

Numerous communities in our four-county region have used the enterprise zone tool to attract high paying construction and ongoing jobs for our growing cities. These companies and their employees have provided family wage jobs, supported investments in schools and infrastructure, and improved the livability for all of our citizens.

The COVID pandemic and the government restrictions and mandates imposed over the past 14 months threaten to undermine the ability of these employers to maintain their presence and investment in our region.

HB2343 is a thoughtful, targeted and one-time adjustment. It is exactly the type of bill that the Legislature should be passing during these challenging times.

Please support HB2343.

Sincerely,

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