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Committee: House Committee On Economic Development, Small
Business, and Trade
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To: House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade Dear
Committee Members,

As a 4H parent, local business owner, and community member in Union County I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2527.

As a parent, the upgrade to the fairground's water and sewer system is incredibly important for the health and wellness of our kids, animals, and spectators when using the facility. Growing up in the 4H program and now with kids in 4H, the county fair is a major family event of the year. Many parents even use vacation time for their kids to attend. However not having adequate bathroom facilities is a deterrent for handicapped and ageing family members. These improvements are necessary, for the growth and support of our kids in the 4H/FFA programs.

As a business owner, the long-term viability of our community is important in supporting jobs and the continued growth of our small town. Without essential improvements, locations like the fairgrounds cannot support local events and activities that our community enjoys and requests. Presently, the fairgrounds are unable to meet the growing demand of our county when it comes to offering facilities for certain events due to the current water & sewer system. This then directly affects our ability to bring in revenue, our ability to provide local residents with local activities, as well as potential job opportunities that these events would provide.

As a community member, the fairgrounds also serve as an emergency evacuation location and staging areas for emergency personnel. Without these upgrades, it makes it difficult for appropriate evacuation and/or disaster planning when just the logistics of sanitary accommodation must first be considered and then managed.

As you can see the Fairgrounds are a critical part of life in Union County, and the investment in its future is an investment in the individual community members who live here.

Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting HB2527,

Tammy Donovan

Parent, Business Owner, Community Member