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On Behalf Of: City of Elgin
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Greetings Co-Chairs, Committee members,

For the record, my name is Alex McHaddad, and I'm the City Administrator of Elgin. This session, Elgin is seeking \$60,000 that will be used as matching funds for a new street sweeper. This vehicle will be mandatory to keep our streets clean and prevent clogging and damage to storm sewers. Your \$60,000 investment in Elgin now will keep me from having to come back in a few years to ask for \$6 million for repair funds. Next, the City of Elgin asks that the Legislative Assembly finally fills Union County's request to fund water and sewer system improvements at the Union County Fairgrounds. This investment will ensure that the Fairgrounds remain an important recreation and public safety asset for the region. Last but certainly not least, the City of Elgin asks that you support funding for new construction projects at the Elgin Stampede Grounds. In addition to being one of our biggest economic drivers during summer, the Stampede maintains community buildings that allow our small community of 1,700 residents to host large events that bring people from all over the region to Elgin. The City of Elgin thanks you for your time, and we ask that you please remember the Jewel of the Blue Mountains when you dopt the 2025-2027 budget.