Rural Kansas Deserves Investment

Fifteen years ago, I started a manufacturing company in Cottonwood Falls. Since then, I've built, employed, invested, and operated in rural Kansas and learned what makes rural Kansas communities succeed. The conclusion is simple: **we need investment, not shortchanging.**

Our rural communities are struggling to pay for the basics—roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, law enforcement and other essential services. When the state underfunds schools and healthcare, those costs don't disappear. They fall on local taxpayers through property taxes.

And in most rural Kansas counties, **our schools and hospitals are among our largest employers.** They aren't just public services. They are economic engines.

If elected to the Kansas House, I will fight to bring more state dollars home to our communities in the form of investment in schools, hospitals, businesses, and infrastructure. I will work to ensure the new school funding formula is fair to rural districts, and help local communities access the grants and private funding they often don't have the staff to pursue. And I will work to bring more resources for rural childcare, because I've seen firsthand that communities cannot grow when parents who want to work cannot find a safe, affordable place for their children.

I know this**: rural Kansas is worth investing in.**

People in Greenwood and Woodson counties are concerned about more school consolidation. People in Wilson County talk about underfunding of hospitals. People in Chase County tell me about lack of housing as an obstacle for community growth. If elected, I'll take those needs to Topeka—and fight to bring the resources home.

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