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Chair Gomez and Committee Members,

On behalf of the City of Oakdale, I want to offer our full support for HF 1603 and thank Representative Norris for carrying this critically important bill that will benefit taxpayers all across our state.

The City of Oakdale is planning to construct a new public works building in the very near future, and since the pandemic, and the rapid increase in inflation, we are seeing cost estimates in the neighborhood of 25% over what we initially planned just a few short years ago.

While we as a local unit of government have certain sales tax exempt status under current law, the exemption for contractor-purchased building materials will be of tremendous benefit to Oakdale and its local taxpayers. It is important to note that we are also appreciative of the exemption that would be provided for materials used in the construction, reconstruction, and repair of public infrastructure like roads, bridges, and sewers.

Thank you all for considering this important piece of legislation, and we respectfully urge the committee's support.

Respectively,

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