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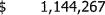
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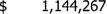
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Dear Representative Sloan:

I am writing on behalf of the Lawrence City Commission to urge you to vote against provisions of the Governor's proposed budget that eliminate or reduce payments to cities. The cuts, if adopted as proposed, will have a tremendous negative impact on our community.

As you are aware, the Governor's recommended budget eliminates the distribution of liquor taxes to local governments. In 2009, that revenue is anticipated to total \$1,782,684 in Lawrence. The City's General, Special Alcohol and Special Recreation funds each receive a third of total collections. The full year impact to each fund is estimated at \$594,228. Because the state fiscal year begins in July, the City would receive only half of the funds budgeted for 2009, thus a 2009 impact to each fund is estimated to be \$297,114.

Additionally, the Governor's recommended budget suspends the machinery and business equipment transfer (commonly referred to as the slider payment) for state fiscal year 2010. The City's 2009 budget includes \$252,925 for this payment. The General Fund receives the \$146,805 of this payment. It is likely this will impact the 2009 budget if enacted as proposed.

			Total Impact on
	Alcohol Tax	"Slider"	2009 Budget
General Fund	297,114	146,805	443,919
Special Alcohol Fund	297,114		297,114
Special Recreation Fund	297,114		297,114
Bond & Interest Fund		69,173	69,173
Recreation Fund		4,768	4,768
Library Fund		32,179	32,179



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These revenues, particularly the liquor tax, support funding to outside agencies providing human services to Lawrence residents, including, but not limited to the following:

- Ballard Community Center
- · Boys and Girls Club
- Douglas County CASA, Inc.
- · Health Care Access
- Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging
- Lawrence Community Shelter
- Salvation Army
- The Shelter, Inc.
- Van Go Mobile Arts
- Women's Transitional Care Services
- Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission

City operations are also affected: \$250,000 annually supports the School Resource Officer program in Lawrence Public Schools and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities is funded by the liquor tax.

While a specific list of recommended cuts is still being developed and will be presented to the City Commission for distribution later this week for discussion at the February 3 City Commission meeting, the likely result of the Governor's recommended budget is partial or full reduction of City funding to these agencies and programs in 2009. Without the liquor tax transfer, it is also likely that the City would have to eliminate or significantly reduce this funding in 2010.

Please understand that all State funding decisions have an impact on municipal operations and the services we provide. As our list of potential cuts is further refined, we will communicate that information to you in order to ensure that you are aware of the impacts to the Lawrence community as a result of proposed State budget cuts.

Sincerely,

Michael Dever

Mayor

c: City Commission

David L. Corliss, City Manager