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Testimony on Senate Bill 6

Thank you Chairman Stroebel and members of the committee for hearing this bill today. Representative Nedweski and I have brought Senate Bill 6 forward on behalf of Kenosha County, and the Village of Pleasant Prairie, to remove obsolete language from statute.

In 1999, Tax Incremental District No. 2 (TID 2) was created in Pleasant Prairie along I-94. Since that time, businesses have been flooding into southeast Wisconsin from nearby states, and businesses already in Wisconsin have been expanding rapidly. With the increased interest in our area, the boundaries of the TID were expanded through state statute to include nearby business parks. TID 2 residents include Aurora Health Care, Haribo, Ocean Spray, SC Johnson, and Uline – just to name a few.

Last year, after 23 years, the creation of over 10 million square feet of buildings, and 4,750 jobs, the Village of Pleasant Prairie terminated TID 2. That is why I am here today bringing this legislation forward. This bill simply removes all references to the Pleasant Prairie TID Number 2 in state statute.

This bill is remedial, and eliminates obsolete statutory language. I encourage you to support its passage.