

JOE S. CARR
COUNTY MAYOR



RUTHERFORD COUNTY
TENNESSEE

December 11, 2023

Honorable Senator White
Honorable Senator Reeves

Honorable Representative Sparks
Honorable Representative Terry
Honorable Representative Baum
Honorable Representative Rudd
Honorable Representative Stevens

RE: Financial Tools and Fiscal Responsibility

Members of the Rutherford County State Legislative Delegation,

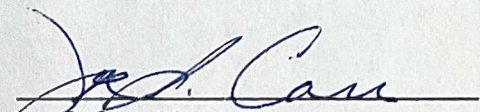
Collectively, as Mayors of the County, Cities, Towns, and Municipalities within Rutherford County, we are asking for your support of legislation to empower the Rutherford County Commission with the adequate tools to meet the demands of our growing community.

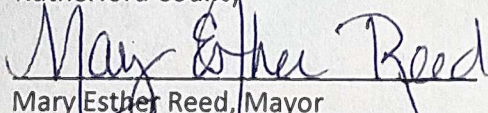
Specifically, the Rutherford County Commission should have access to Impact Fees and or Development Taxes, just as each jurisdiction within the County may have access to these same tools, to meet demands from growth.

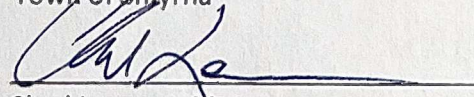
As Mayors, we all work on behalf of Rutherford County property taxpayers, and we all recognize the Rutherford County Commission desperately needs these necessary alternative tools to raising property taxes. When the County raises property taxes, it affects all property taxpayers, and that makes current citizens unfairly shoulder the financial burden of growth.


The fiscal management and responsibility of Rutherford County Government is validated by their AAA bond rating and the Rutherford County Commission should be afforded the same tools as the jurisdictions within the County and neighboring AAA bond rated Counties.

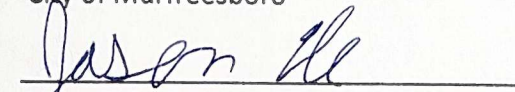
We all share the same desire for our community to be a great investment for our citizens and a wonderful place to live and raise a family and hope you will join us in supporting this effort.


Joe S. Carr, Mayor
Rutherford County


Mary Esther Reed, Mayor
Town of Smyrna


Chad Leeman, Mayor
City of Eagleville


Shane McFarland, Mayor
City of Murfreesboro


Jason Cole, Mayor
City of Lavergne