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Wendall Long, Chair
Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Regrettably, I will be unable to attend Monday's meeting of the Pima County Sales Tax Advisory Committee due to a previously scheduled Board meeting.

Through your leadership and Mr. Minano's guidance, the Committee has developed a comprehensive and inclusive plan for ensuring that the residents of Pima County will have ample opportunity to provide input on the best course of action for financing our rapidly growing transportation needs.

However, I share the concern voiced by several members at our last meeting that no matter how strong the public support or how great the need for a sales tax to meet those needs, there is little likelihood for achieving unanimous Board of Supervisor's approval as required by ARS Section 42-6103. That would frustrate what, I believe will be, the strong will of the people.

One possible solution to this inequitable obstacle would be for our Committee to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an effort be made to amend ARS Section 42-6103 to allow the sales tax to be implemented by majority vote of the Board. I therefore request that the Agenda for Monday's meeting be amended to include a discussion and possible action of this proposal or that it be placed on the agenda for our next meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lawrence M. Hecker

CC: Nicole Fyffe