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The Honorable Derrick McGary  
It's Our Time—Texarkana  
1702 Roseboro  
Texarkana, TX 75503

Dear Mr. McGary:

I have been made aware that a political group is running ads in Texarkana stating that if the Texas side votes to allow beer and wine sales, such as is currently allowed on the Arkansas side, residents of Texarkana, Arkansas and Texans who work in Arkansas would lose their income tax exemption. The ad also claims people would have to pay up to \$2500 per family in additional taxes.

As Chair of the Arkansas Senate Revenue and Tax committee, I am not aware of any efforts or discussions to change current law nor am I aware of a per family calculation on how much revenue would be lost if the issue passed. Any change in the Texarkana Income Tax Exemption would have to come before my committee, and I have heard of no attempts to change current law, nor do I feel the minimal loss of revenue would warrant such a change. The issue of people losing their tax exemption seems to be more of an election gimmick than a real discussion of state policy.

In conclusion, I will stand with Senator Hickey and Representative Hickerson and fight against any repeal of this exemption if it did become an issue. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jake Files", written over a circular stamp or mark.

Jake Files  
State Senator  
Chairman, Revenue & Taxation Committee

cc: Senator Jimmy Hickey