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Mayor Jim Couper
Walcott City Council Members
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RE: City of Walcott's proposed expansion to its Urban Renewal Area to include the right of way of Blue Grass Road in the City of Walcott

Dear Mayor Couper:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed expansion of Walcott's Urban Renewal Area to include the right of way for Blue Grass Road. The Scott County Board of Supervisors has reviewed the information provided to our TIF Review Committee by your City Clerk Lisa Rickertsen. The Board has concerns with the City proposing to use TIF payments to fund the City's portion of a joint city county road and bridge improvement project. This is because a portion of all TIF funds are generated from the County's portion of the total property tax levy which are diverted to use in the City's Urban Renewal Areas through TIF. The use of such funding for the city's share of this project in effect increases the County's share and reduces the City's portion.

It is the Board's understanding that the City of Walcott proposes to use up to \$100,000 of TIF income to help finance the City's share of this planned road and bridge improvement project. The Board would support a more equitable source of funding for the city's share of this project or for the City rebate to County an amount equal to the County's share of the TIF payments.

The Scott County Board of Supervisors would appreciate the City of Walcott's consideration of the Board's concerns on the use of TIF for this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Gallin, Chair
Scott County Board of Supervisors

cc: Scott County Board of Supervisors
Dee F. Bruemmer, Scott County Administrator