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Dear Members of the House, State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee:

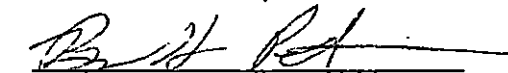
Logan County fully supports SB18-156, allowing counties the option to publish their financial reports on a county website as an alternative to paying to publish in the local newspaper. This bill will greatly increase and enhance transparency of local government to the greatest number of citizens.

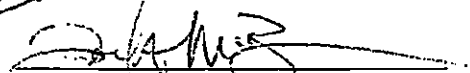
Under an antiquated state law, county governments are still required to publish a variety of financials in the local newspaper of reference. Counties are the only local governmental entities that are required to publish their financials (monthly expenditures, employee salaries and semi-annual financial reports) in the newspaper. This statutory requirement does not apply to cities or school districts or any other governmental entity in Colorado. This requirement costs Logan County taxpayers approximately four thousand dollars every year.

Public information is available to everyone, at any time, on the Internet. Logan County has a county government website that provides a wealth of information to its citizens. The greatest transparency is the one which can be accessed easily, at no cost, through broadly available Internet access.

Best Regards,

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