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Mr. David Owens
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Dear Mr. Owens:

Here is why the citizens of Wynne should support the proposed October 13 sales tax: Attracting investment and jobs is more competitive than ever, and being prepared can create an advantage. The Wynne Economic Development Corporation has taken steps to do just that by obtaining an option on industrial property and conducting the necessary engineering work and extensive due diligence that business prospects have come to expect. This is a vital step in attracting and retaining new employers in the area.

The steps that the Wynne Economic Development Corporation has taken thus far would have been extremely difficult without the economic development sales tax that was passed in 2011. But there is still more work to be done. By having an available and reliable source of funding for economic development, Wynne has more opportunity to control its own destiny. In addition, it is critical to recognize that many other communities already have funding in place, which allows them a competitive advantage.

Building a foundation for economic success requires support from the community, including financial support. I encourage the citizens of Wynne to vote in favor of the October 13 sales tax initiative.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike".

Mike Maulden