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Submitted to the Committee on Ways & Means
For HB 1689

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Brenda Horton
Lake Travis RV Park
Muldoon, TX

Limit appraisal to current plus 5% annually

Patricia Moore
Bandera County Convention & Visitors Bureau
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I am in favor of passing HB 1689. Tourism is Bandera County's leading industry. The county has seen, and continues to see, a rise in short term rentals (STRs). The option for counties to utilize an electronic tax administration system for the administration of the hotel occupancy collections can increase compliance of primarily the STRs and streamline the collection process for the county. I feel that the amount of collections received by contracting with a firm utilizing modern technologies will and should exceed the cost of the service.

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I have had two (2) interviews with different firms on the subject of hiring someone for the electronic tax administration system service recently. In doing so I've learned he have approximately 500 STR in the county and collecting from about 125t STR. With HB 1689 passed it would be a big caveat in me passing an agenda item in Commissioner Court.

All the help for Rural Texas Counties is very much appreciated.