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WITNESS NAME: BEN TRAVLOS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-3819	
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WITNESS NAME: BLAKE		PHONE NUMBER: 816-897-0549	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ANDREW COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: ADMINISTRATOR	
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My name is Blake Rudel and I am the Administrator for Andrew County Ambulance District. I would like my comments in support of SB271 to be known. As a small ambulance service we rely on the support of not only patient billing, but also sales tax. It is no grand statement to say that online purchasing is growing daily. The fact that a third of our revenue comes from sales tax makes it very scary to think of the possibility of losing that revenue to online. SB supports us keeping the online sales tax for purchases that would be made if the goods were purchased locally. While patient billing is also important, nearly 35% of our calls are refusals. That is where we are dispatched, assess the patient, and the patient decides not to be transported. We do not charge for this type of refusal. That area has always been supplemented with tax money. SB271 just helps us receive what we would if the goods were bought locally rather than online. Thank you. Blake Rudel, Administrator Andrew County Ambulance District Savannah, MO



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WITNESS NAME: BOB MEUSCHKE		PHONE NUMBER: 660-687-9077	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COLE CAMP COMMUNITY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: AMBULANCE ADMINISTRATOR	
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As the administrator of one of Missouri's smallest ambulance districts, I urge you to consider supporting this bill. Many smaller districts, like ours, that transport less than 500 people annually rely on sales tax and property tax to sustain their operations. Property tax cuts proposed by several legislators are likely to make Property taxes obsolete in the future, which would be beneficial in many ways, but it also represents approximately one-third of the funding we receive. If this bill were to pass, it would achieve two objectives. Firstly, it aligns with the goals of many legislators who aim to reduce the amount of property tax levied and replace those funds with sales tax. Secondly, it would provide a significant benefit to our community, as a substantial portion of the revenue generated would be paid by visitors to our area.



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WITNESS NAME: BRANDON HICKS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-4102	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COOPER COUNTY AMBULANCE		TITLE: EMS CHIEF	
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**We are in support of the use tax. As prices increase on everything we use, wages, and work comp....
This would be beneficial in bridging part of the gap in our finances.**



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WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-418-7616	
REPRESENTING: MO AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION; MO PORK ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHAD WILIAMS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-682-3512	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BARTON COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF BARTON COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT	
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CITY: LAMAR		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64759
EMAIL: williams-c@bartoncountyeams.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 8:53 AM	
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?The Barton County Ambulance District supports the Wayfair tax as a vital measure to address declining sales tax revenues. Passing the Wayfair tax will level the playing field for local businesses and ensuring fair competition, locally and online. This legislation is particularly crucial for rural areas like Barton County, where traditional sales tax revenues have been adversely affected by the rise of online shopping and a change in local business. Implementing the Wayfair tax helps supplement lost sales tax revenue, enabling the Barton County Ambulance District to maintain essential emergency medical services and continue providing timely care to residents. The district urges lawmakers to support and uphold this legislation to ensure sustainable funding for vital public services.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLES ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Committee Members:I respectfully submit this testimony in support of SS/SCS/SB 271, specifically the provision expanding the authority to impose a local use tax to political subdivisions that levy a sales tax for emergency services.Currently, local use taxes may only be imposed by counties and municipalities that have a corresponding local sales tax. This limitation excludes vital political subdivisions such as ambulance districts, fire protection districts, and 9-1-1 emergency service boards, which often rely on sales tax revenues to fund essential emergency services. By extending the authority to these subdivisions, SS/SCS/SB 271 corrects this inequity and empowers local voters to determine whether these entities should be able to collect a use tax.In today's economy, an increasing percentage of retail sales occurs online. When purchases are made from out-of-state vendors who do not collect Missouri sales tax, critical local revenue is lost. Political subdivisions that provide life-saving services cannot currently recover this revenue loss because they lack the statutory authority to seek a local use tax. Meanwhile, cities and counties already have this option. As more commerce shifts to online platforms, the financial impact on emergency service districts will only grow unless corrective measures are taken.Importantly, the proposed change in SS/SCS/SB 271 does not impose any new tax automatically. It simply gives ambulance districts, fire protection districts, and other emergency service entities the ability to ask their voters whether to adopt a local use tax. This preserves local control, upholds transparency, and respects the will of the community.The need for stable, predictable funding for emergency services cannot be overstated. Ambulance and fire protection districts are tasked with providing critical services 24/7/365, often covering large geographic areas with limited resources. Allowing them to seek a local use tax will help ensure that funding keeps pace with economic changes and that essential services remain available when Missourians need them most.For these reasons, I urge your strong support of SS/SCS/SB 271 and its provisions regarding the local use tax. Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to strengthening Missouri's emergency service infrastructure.Respectfully submitted,Charles AndersonChief of EMSCallaway County Ambulance District



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRIS C BROWN		PHONE NUMBER: 660-676-1811	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CHARITON COUNTY ENHANCED 911		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
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This would greatly help Chariton County 911 who at present collects a 1% local sales tax. We have a Tractor Supply, 3 Dollar Generals and 3 Casey Stores in our county along with a few other stores. With the high cost of keeping up with the 911 technology we cannot afford to fall behind. Please pass this bill and help us maintain the best care for our citizens. The local sales tax we collect alone cannot keep up with the rising cost of emergency services we provide.



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WITNESS NAME: DAMARA RILEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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The passing of SB 271-Black is going to be crucial for 911 centers across the state. This is going to allow those centers that suffer with low annual income, unable to get their sales tax from their counties, etc an in order to help them expand their technology and services for their citizens. This will force the hands of commissioners that are not necessarily "willing" to help the 911 centers in their county or only willing to provide the minimal amount needed to operate. This will help us, help each and every citizen in our communities by expanding the technologies and our abilities to serve them more efficiently. That it what we are all here to do. Serve the people in our communities to the best of our ability and I do believe this is a great step in the right direction.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DARRYL COONTZ		PHONE NUMBER: 417-334-6586	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TANEY COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: CHIEF	
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The Taney County Ambulance District is for SB 271.			



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DUSTIN J. KIRKPATRICK		PHONE NUMBER: 417-204-1363	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OREGON COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
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CITY: THAYER		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65791
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As the Executive Director of an ambulance service in a very rural and impoverished county, I can attest that taxed based revenue is the primary source of our funding. We only collect a portion of what we bill for, so we rely heavily on our sales tax revenue to operate. The passage of SB 271 would afford us an opportunity to ask the public to allow us to collect on the online sales taxes in our county to ensure the continued successful operations of this ambulance service. I hereby state my support for SB 271.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: ERIC MURFIN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-221-5510	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MARION & RALLS COUNTY AMBULANCE		TITLE: DEPUTY CHIEF	
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I Deputy Chief Eric Murfin of Marion & Ralls County Ambulance District wish to support Senate Bill 271. With the majority of purchases migrating to online purchases the use tax will be instrumental in keeping a consistent level of services available to the community. As we usher in a new era of emergency services, we also need to look at alternative methods of providing care to the community. Without being able to collect sales tax (due to internet purchase) we will not be able to expand programs as needed and rise to the growing needs of the public. I am sure you will make the appropriate decision, thank you for your time. Deputy Chief Eric Murfin



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WITNESS NAME: FRANK ROBERT FLASPOHLER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-9031	
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WITNESS NAME: JACOB KNAEBEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-4181	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: JAMES WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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"Our agency supports the bill. We are funded through a local sales tax under RsMo 190.335, and have experienced a loss of revenue because of more and more purchases being made over the internet. In 2012 Macon County passed a Use Tax measure, however the County Commission failed to include the emergency services sales tax amount, in the total amount to be collected for the local Use Tax. Currently, there is no direction specifying that the Use Tax be distributed proportionately to the agencies that collect sales tax. This bill gives clear direction for the distribution of the local use tax." As President of Macon Co E-911 this would add very needed additional source of income to protect our community and surrounding communities.



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WITNESS NAME: JARED FRANCIS MCQUEEN		PHONE NUMBER: 660-582-3311	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NODAWAY COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS	
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We at Nodaway County Ambulance District support this Bill. We feel it is fair to receive tax for internet sales the same as the brick-and-mortar businesses.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JASON ELLIOTT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-392-7303	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MILLER COUNTY AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE:	
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CITY: ELDON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65026
EMAIL: jelliott@millercountyambulance.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/30/2025 10:29 AM
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Miller County Ambulance District is very much in support of this bill. EMS funding is very difficult and with Medicare and Medicaid and this bill passing would enhance our funding abilities.



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WITNESS NAME: JIM FOLEY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-694-6949	
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CITY: JC		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI FIRE SERVICE ALLIANCE		TITLE:	
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CITY: JC		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA A. KRULL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-897-0044	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: OSAGE AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: EMS CHIEF	
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CITY: LINN		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65051
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Sales tax is a vital source of funding for many essential government services, including ambulance districts like Osage Ambulance District. Historically, these local sales taxes have helped cover the cost of staffing, training, medical supplies, equipment, and vehicle maintenance needed to provide timely emergency medical care. However, as consumer habits have shifted and more people choose to shop online, a significant portion of those taxable purchases no longer contribute to local sales tax revenue. This change has created a growing funding gap for services like ours, even though the demand for emergency response remains the same—or in many cases, is increasing. Missouri Senate Bill 271 would help close that gap by allowing ambulance districts to ask voters for a use tax on online purchases equal to the existing local sales tax, ensuring that funding keeps pace with modern spending habits and that life-saving emergency care remains available in rural communities.



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WITNESS NAME: JUSTIN DONOVAN		PHONE NUMBER: 660-582-3311	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NODAWAY COUNTY AMBULANCE		TITLE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
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Nodaway County Ambulance District Supports this bill.			



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WITNESS NAME: KHAYLEA GIBBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: kgibbs@mc-911.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 4/29/2025 11:12 AM
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As an individual that works for a 911 agency in the state of Missouri, funds are hard to come by to make a 911 center successful. Allowing our 911 center to collect Internet Sales Tax would be tremendous in helping us keep up with operations and the interoperability that is required of a center that dispatches for police, fire, and EMS. This money would allow us to maintain the equipment that is needed, as technology is constantly changing and it is next to impossible to maintain those changes with sales tax when so many individuals have moved to online shopping since covid.



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WITNESS NAME: MADISON EACRET		PHONE NUMBER: 314-882-1007	
REPRESENTING: MO-911 DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION; MO-APCO; MO-NATIONAL EMERGENCY NUMBER ASSOCIATION; MO 911 SERVICE BOARD		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: MARSHALL MILLER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-221-5510	
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I Chief Eric Marshall Miller of Marion & Ralls County Ambulance District wish to support Senate Bill 271. With the majority of purchases migrating to online purchases the use tax will be instrumental in keeping a consistent level of services available to the community. As we usher in a new era of emergency services, we also need to look at alternative methods of providing care to the community. One program specifically is a Community Paramedic Program. Without being able to collect sales tax (due to internet purchase) we will not be able to expand programs as needed and rise to the growing needs of the public. I am sure you will make the appropriate decision, thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: MATT BOWEN		PHONE NUMBER: 660-734-8032	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION; LINN COUNTY AMBULANCE		TITLE: CHIEF	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL KINDLE		PHONE NUMBER: 660-385-1911	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MACON COUNTY ENHANCED 911		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
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Our agency supports the bill. We are funded through a local sales tax under RsMo 190.335, and have experienced a loss of revenue because of more and more purchases being made over the internet. In 2012 Macon County passed a Use Tax measure, however the County Commission failed to include the emergency services sales tax amount, in the total amount to be collected for the local Use Tax. Currently, there is no direction specifying that the Use Tax be distributed proportionately to the agencies that collect sales tax. This bill gives clear direction for the distribution of the local use tax.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL MUELLER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-486-3330	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: HERMANN AREA AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE:	
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SB 271 strengthens emergency services by enhancing and expanding training for EMS leaders, enhancing the EMS State Advisory Council, and protecting those volunteers who provide lifesaving care. It gives local fire protection districts and ambulance districts the option to fund services through a sales tax with offsetting property tax relief; and the option to collect a use tax. This bill improves safety, accountability, and local control - making Missouri's emergency response stronger and more efficient. Passage of this bill is vital to the future success of many of Missouri's EMS agencies. Thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHELLE MAYER		PHONE NUMBER: 636-583-2600	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: UNION AMBULANCE DISTRICT		TITLE: CHIEF	
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I support HB271. While we do see an increase in sales tax collections, it is not keeping up with the increases we are seeing when buying necessary vehicles and equipment, paying rapidly rising insurance premiums, software subscriptions, etc. After paying these rising costs, it is harder and harder to continue raising wages to stay competitive with neighboring services. With the rise in internet sales, being able to have a use tax ensures that our local tax payers are supporting their local programs and services, regardless of where they shop.



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WITNESS NAME: OLIVIA WILSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HEALTHCARE		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN JASON NOEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The Wayfair Bill is an important step toward making sure local businesses compete fairly and our communities get the funding they need. Without it, out-of-state online retailers avoid collecting sales taxes, leaving local stores at a disadvantage and reducing the money available for emergency services. Passing the Wayfair Bill means creating a level playing field for businesses and supporting the vital services that keep our towns running strong. It is the right move for fairness and for the future of our community.



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WITNESS NAME: TERRA CULLEY		PHONE NUMBER: 417-967-5309	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: TEXAS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES		TITLE: DIRECTOR	
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9-1-1 is often the forgotten agency, except for the brief time that someone has the need. Even though that period is short it could be the most important life and death stint of time one will experience. 9-1-1, even though not seen at the scene, arrives with a calm voice with four of the most welcomed words; Where is your emergency? Often once the phone is released, 9-1-1 is again forgotten about. This is also the case when funding is needed to keep these life-saving services functioning. I have witnessed over the years our agency being down to the last payroll for funds. After years of trying to receive more funding, it took this for the voices to be heard. If the sales tax did not pass, 9-1-1 along with all the life saving qualities would go away. Reverting to one person answering a phone with no pre-arrivals given. I am forever grateful for the voices of the people that were heard and voted in a sales tax. Our agency remains operational. However, it is becoming progressively more difficult to stay up to date with technology, everyday advancements and the increasing demand for services from citizens. Funding for daily operation and providing a decent wage for an extremely stressful and tasking career is not an easy balance. This leaves us looking, applying and competing for grants that may not always be obtainable for a small rural agency such as ours. Knowing that there are funds available such as the use tax, that is already being collected but not distributed only because it is not mandated is frustrating. I encourage the favor of this bill's passing to help all agencies, especially those of us that are often forgotten. Sincerely, Terra Culley



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WITNESS NAME: TOM DEMPSEY		PHONE NUMBER: 636-288-7461	
REPRESENTING: MO ASSOCIATION OF CAREER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: TRENT FORD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-409-6812	
REPRESENTING: AMBULANCE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: SHANNON HAWK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-659-6704	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE		TITLE:	
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