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regional zoning because there's really not any authority within the commission to do anything, and it was really to study regional zoning, and we are now changing that to say county zoning within the opportunity zone, so that if there were...if there is a unique area, that you could have some sort of a consistent policy for zoning. It might mean...this was never meant to add another hurdle or take back...take away any power of the counties to make appropriate zoning regulations, but to make some...there might be a designation of areas in which there would be a consistency of zoning and there would be a one-stop shop for how...for the location of businesses and who they would operate with if they were looking at locating at different sites along the opportunity zone. And then the second thing that I talked about, which is the inclusion of one representative from a city of the first class, and one representative from a city of the second class or a village. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Members, please bear with us. The Chamber Viewer is down for the present time. We're making copies of the amendment. Thank you. On with discussion of the Brown amendment. Senator Synowiecki, followed by Senators Mines, Beutler, Schimek, Johnson, Wehrbein, and Brown. Senator Synowiecki.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Members, very much appreciate Senator Brown's efforts relative to LB 546 and the establishment of opportunity zones, a opportunity zone within our state. I think it's, although before we embark on such a cause, I do think we need to...I need to stand up and indicate that it is unfortunate that we provide very little focus in terms of public policy and economic incentives for our current enterprise zone areas within our state. I do think there needs to be a greater emphasis, a greater focus, in our public policy and in our economic policy relative to incentives within these enterprise zones, which are essentially...the criteria for such an enterprise zone is that you have an ongoing record of deteriorating economies and deteriorating physical infrastructures within these areas. And I think it would behoove us to first address some of those issues within an enterprise zone. Although I do want to see this bill go forward, I think there is one thing we could potentially do to