

Dear Chair Rep. Adam Smith, Vice Chair Rep. Brian Bergkamp, Ranking Minority Member, Committeeman and Committeewomen,

Thank you for this hearing and allowing this testimony.

I am here to testify in favor of HB2307, An Act concerning taxation; relating to sales and compensating use tax; providing for a sales tax exemption for purchases made to establish and maintain Kansas war memorials; relating to property tax; providing for an exemption for Kansas War memorials....

The most deserving of memorials in this country are the service men and women who have given their lives and limbs in defense of liberty and freedom. These memorials bring relief and comfort to fellow veterans and to the families of our veterans while at the same time memorializing their sacrifice for the generations who follow after them. They instill a sense of pride in our country and those who fought for our freedom and liberty within the community. They teach our young about what it means to stand for freedom and liberty and the price that is paid for it. We have volunteers who give of their own money and time to build and maintain from the smallest to the largest memorials dedicated to these heroes. As time goes on the materials required to erect and maintain these memorials continue to rise requiring more and more funding. It is also getting harder to raise funding from donations as inflation is hitting families harder. Even the smallest tax break is going to bring some relief to the volunteers and organizations who are involved in establishing and maintaining these memorials. This sought after relief can help place that funding used to pay taxes back into the memorial.

I ask that you take my testimony and the testimony of others who favor the passing of this bill into consideration when contemplating your vote.

Thank you,

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