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To: Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

From: Senator Rick Kloos

Date: March 1, 2023

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 129, which would provide a sales tax exemption for purchases of tangible personal property or services by Doorstep Inc. an organization which provides short-term emergency aid to families and individuals in need, including assistance with food, clothing, rent, prescription medications, transportation and utilities, and providing information on services to promote long-term self-sufficiency.

Doorstep Inc. is a nonprofit community action organization oriented for humanitarian needs. This bill is important to me as the founder of God's Storehouse, another nonprofit in Topeka that does similar work in the community, which is tax-exempt because it is a church. In my opinion Doorstep, as a nonprofit, should also be tax exempt due to the nature of their operation.

Individuals running a nonprofit organization cannot profit for personal gain. These organizations rely on the generosity of others to operate. That generosity then gets distributed to individuals with needs in the community. Providing nonprofits with tax exemptions allows the organizations to further their outreach and have a stronger impact locally.

With that in mind, I ask the committee to please support passage of SB 129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Kloos". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.