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PRO HB 2756

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Tax committee, I apologize that I cannot attend the hearing on HB 2756 due to scheduling conflicts. I appreciate the opportunity to communicate my testimony by written form.

On behalf of Russell County Economic Development and CVB we are PRO HB 2756. Sales tax is an opportunity that a community has to support at the local level, infrastructure development, capital improvements and in some cases rural hospitals that area associated with sales tax funding. Lifting the burden off of the backs of property tax payers is becoming more and more vital in the current economic downturn of Kansas commodities. During this current economic climate and lack of revenue to support the basics our state and local communities are in need of, sales tax on remote sellers, market place facilitators, and digital property has become a necessity in sustaining Kansas communities. At this time in the economy, considering initiatives such as HB 2756 will assist community leadership at the local level and state level an opportunity to solve sustainment and growth issues without having to look directly at property tax increases as the first resource to a solution.

Thank you for the opportunity provide feedback.

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