

To the Chairman and House Committee on Taxation:

My name is Austin: I am a farmer, I am a 15 year veteran of farmers markets and I support this bill. The farmers market is the perfect microcosm of free markets and community engagement; it should be supported.

The majority of vendors use the market as extra income. They are teachers, retirees, and a host of other odd jobs. They simply want to help and engage their neighbors by using their expertise to provide a good or service to others and hopefully not lose money along the way.

The decision to start or maintain a side business whether its a garden in the backyard, or like in my case a college graduate not yet finding their passion.

The patrons of the markets know that the quality and freshness of products at farmers markets can not be beat. Promoting fresh local vegetables, fruits, and products is a great step in the battle against obesity, rising healthcare costs, and overall well-being of the Kansas people.

An artificial barrier to entering an exchange of goods, even if it is a only a speed bump, should be frowned upon. Seeing as governments role is constantly expanding and encompassing more and more we may as well use it for an instrument of good.

This bill is a step towards incentivizing more people to join and engage there local communities. The farmers markets are still a pillar of free markets, capitalism, and life as it should be. In an ever more globalized world maybe we shouldn't buy our food from Amazon.com but rather from the people that grow it directly.

Pass the bill.

Thank you for your time.

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