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Madam Chair and Committee Members:

Good morning! My name is Tom Holland and I am the State Senator for the Kansas Senate 3rd District serving portions of Douglas and Leavenworth counties. I am here today to ask for your support of Senate Bill 97.

While I am introducing this bill at the request of a constituent, I personally believe that the Kansas retail sales tax is too high and that the current sales tax burden dampens retail sales, particularly for so-called "big ticket" purchases. Automobile and light duty truck owners in this state also pay a significant amount of property taxes for their registered vehicles. This bill seeks to lessen that significant tax burden in a small but significant way by exempting new vehicle sales or lease cash rebates. If passed, this legislation will encourage an increase in the selling / leasing of additional motor vehicles with the realization of additional property tax revenues for counties. This bill is a win for Kansas consumers as well as Kansas automobile dealers.

Sincerely,

Tom Holland  
State Senator – 3rd District