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## Testimony in Support of HB 2487 House Taxation

Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee:

The Kansas Food and Farm Coalition (FFC) supports HB 2487. Kansas FFC is a group of long-standing nonprofit organizations concerned about our food system—from farm to fork. Coalition members include KC Healthy Kids, the Kansas Food Action Network, the Kansas Rural Center, and Harvesters. (The attached one-pager provides more information about FFC). Our coalition works to support policies that assist small and mid-sized farms, increase production and sales of locally grown foods, increase access to healthy food for all, and reduce food insecurity in our communities. HB 2487 is a good step in working toward those goals. Although HB 2484 also seeks to eliminate the state sales tax on food as do other bills, we are particularly interested in and supportive of components of HB 2487 that positively address some of our policy priorities as they relate to farmers' markets.

As a regressive tax, the state sales tax on food impacts our most vulnerable Kansas families who are trying to make ends meet. Passage of HB 2487 would help reduce the challenges of food insecurity and provide a modest level of relief to Kansas children and families, in addition to supporting both rural grocers and farmers selling products direct-to-consumer at local farmers' markets.

With the state's most robust projected ending balance in decades, HB 2487 is a small price to pay for the health and prosperity of Kansas families, farmers, and grocers. For these reasons we ask you to support HB 2487. Thank you for your consideration and I welcome any questions at the appropriate time.

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