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RE: Testimony in Opposition to SB 248

Greetings,

On behalf of City of Sterling (and in support of all rural Kansas communities), I respectfully request you **VOTE NO on SB 248**. At minimum, please leave whole the local sales tax levy, and only remove the state rate.

In rural Kansas communities, our largest sales tax contributors are our grocery stores such as Dillons and Dollar General. The local sales tax levy on food is our second largest revenue generator for our Police Department and Roadways. This bill is a major threat to public safety and the ability to maintain a safe transportation network.

As I understand it, there are those in the legislature making assurances that the state will find other funding sources to leave cities whole. All cities in Kansas should be skeptical of these “assurances” considering the past and current history related to LAVTR and M&E exemptions. To be truthful many of us are quite terrified of the effect your vote will have on our ability to keep our community safe due to the way the local sales tax levy on groceries funds our police department and transportation network. Please do not make the wrong decision. **Please VOTE NO on SB 248.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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