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TO: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

**FROM: Travis Lowe
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RE: Neutral Testimony for SB 248

DATE: February 20, 2023

Madam Chair and members of the committee,
On behalf of Economic Lifelines, thank you for the opportunity to submit written remarks for SB 248.

Economic Lifelines serves as a state-wide coalition supporting Kansas transportation and infrastructure policy. Economic Lifelines is proud to represent over 60 members, consisting of private businesses, trade associations, local units of government and local chambers of commerce located in Kansas.

The purpose of our remarks is to thank the committee for being mindful of the bill's implication to the State Highway Fund. The 2022 Legislature ensured the new food sales tax law held the State Highway Fund harmless by re-adjusting the designated percentage. This is a key funding mechanism for the IKE Ten-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

At this time of this writing, the fiscal note is not available but we appreciate the bill maintaining the State Highway Fund designated percentage at 17% in an effort to hold the fund harmless.

Economic Lifelines is happy to serve as a resource throughout the legislative process.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.