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To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and General Counsel
Re: **Joint Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2011, decreasing the rate of ad valorem tax imposed by school districts.**

Chairperson Smith and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2011. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (Renew Kansas).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry.

Across Kansas, our member grain elevators and biofuel processing plants are strong corporate citizens that pay millions of dollars annually in property taxes to help support schools and local government.

The ability of our members to operate a competitive business is often determined by the amount of fixed costs on their operation, such as property taxes.

In recent years, however, the property tax burden on our members has grown exponentially through unreasonable increases in assessed valuations and increased mill levies. These valuation increases have resulted in massive increases in property taxes paid by our members.

For this reason, our associations support legislation that would reduce the property tax burden on our industries. Such reductions would free up capital to reinvest in assets and employees.

House Bill 2011 seeks to decrease the property tax burden on Kansas property owners by decreasing the mill levy imposed by school districts.

It is our opinion that the provisions in this bill are reasonable, represent good public tax policy, and will work to lower the overall property tax burden on all taxpayers. For these reasons, we stand in support of the bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2011. We respectfully request that the committee pass the bill out favorably.