

STATE OF KANSAS



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District 36

Senate Assessment and Taxation
in Support of SB 33
Oral Testimony
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Thank you, Senator Tyson and committee, for allowing me time to testify on SB33. Last year we passed SB60, which removed sales tax on meat processing.

Last year's bill was brought to me by businesses in Senate District #36 and members of the Kansas Meat Processors Association. This organization is comprised of meat processors from throughout the state of Kansas. Their members include slaughterers, processors, locker operators, smoked meat producers, retail meat processors, custom operators and wholesalers as well as supplier members who offer goods and services to their members. The combined two groups and affiliate members (past owners/operators) of the Association is nearly 90 members strong.

I do know from my constituents that this has been very well received and very appreciated by the producers and customers. Several of my businesses have reached back out and asked for a "tweak" if you will on the paperwork obligation when accepting payment for the service minus the sales tax. Currently, they are required to have the customer fill out a sales tax exception form and keep on file for three years. My intent last year was to simply remove the sales tax on this service, and I did not intend on creating extra paperwork for the businesses. My local company in Concordia mentioned the amount of paperwork that it has generated is "cumbersome" and customers and employees have difficulties explaining the requirements and understanding it. Several businesses have also pointed out phone-in payments are more difficult without the individual present to sign the form.

Thank you again for scheduling a hearing today as I know I am speaking on behalf of the members of the Kansas Meat Processors and my local businesses at home who would very much like to make the process easier in their daily business processes.

Elaine Bowers
Senate District #36

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Elaine Bowers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elaine" being more prominent than the last name "Bowers".