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Members of the Senate Taxation Committee

Thank you for having this hearing today to allow me to speak on behalf of all the bowling centers in Kansas. This gives me great pride to stand here before you to talk about an industry that is near and dear to me. If you didn't know, bowling is the original "Social Network".

Committee members, I urge you to consider exempting sales tax on products essential to bowling center operations, such as trash bags, machine parts, cleaners, and toilet paper. These items are an integral part of maintaining smooth operations. Bowling Centers rely on these supplies as part of their service production. These supplies increase operational costs, potentially discouraging business growth and recreation access for Kansas residents.

It is getting harder for our industry, whether small or large, to sustain a business with continued rising costs and in my community with industries closing or moving out of the area.

Once again thank you for your time and this opportunity for considering the needs of small businesses and when you're not busy "Go bowling" everyone needs some time to knock down some pins

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