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REFERENCE: "TAX FREE WEEKEND IN KANSAS"

Dear Caryn:

It is my understanding that the issue of a tax free weekend in Kansas (such as the state of Missouri has had for several years) will be brought to the House floor this week. Therefore, I would like to give to you my testimony for support of this issue as I have witnessed for the past 3 years.

Each August for the past 3 years we go shopping on Missouri's "Tax Free" weekend. First, we shop for my grandson's school clothes and required school supplies and believe me when I say, we save a very significant amount of money from the "no tax" and the terrific sales they have during this specific weekend. Then while we are at the Missouri shopping malls, we buy many other items on "Sale", that are not exempt from the school related free tax. Also while in Missouri we eat at their restaurants, buy their fuel and anything else we may need. Just think of the revenue the state of Kansas is loosing to Missouri.

If your colleagues believe this subject matter to be insignificant then they should have witnessed the parking lots full of Kansas automobiles (especially Johnson County) that I saw who came to benefit from what Missouri had to offer that weekend. Why do you suppose the state of Missouri continues to hold a tax free weekend year after year? It must be working!

I am certain that the residents of Kansas would appreciate shopping at home, the volume of sales would please the businesses and surely the state of Kansas could find use for the additional revenue generated from a "TAX FREE WEEKEND".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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