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**Senate Taxation Committee
Written Testimony in Support of SB 339
Governor Brownback's Tax Proposal
Submitted by Ron Seeber**

**on behalf of the
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association, and Kansas Grain and
Feed Association**

Thank you Chairman, members of the Senate Taxation Committee, I am Ron Seeber, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA) and the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA). The KGFA is a voluntary state association with a membership encompassing the entire spectrum of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in the state of Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA's membership includes over 700 agribusiness firms that are primarily retail facilities which supply fertilizers, crop protection chemicals, seed, petroleum products and agronomic expertise to Kansas farmers. KARA's membership base also includes ag-chemical and equipment manufacturing firms, distribution firms and various other businesses associated with the retail crop production industry.

KGFA and KARA support the provisions in SB 339. This bill provides for a simplified tax structure and reduced taxes for thousands of small businesses across the state. As you know, prosperity in agriculture is heavily reliant upon forces beyond our control—this year's drought is a good example. By decreasing the tax burden on agribusiness, this simplification will allow agribusiness to grow and weather the difficult time more readily.

With taxes on the federal, state, and local levels a complicated maze of policy, this bill will help simplify the structure and encourage financial investment in the state.

We applaud the Governor for bringing this measure forward and allow Kansas businesses to hold on to their hard earned money. Please support passage of SB 339.

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