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RE: HB 2756

Dear Members of the House Taxation Committee

I have been made aware of HB 2756 imposing sales tax collection requirements upon entities selling \$50,000 or more in Kansas. All I can say is "It's about time".

In my position both as a County Commission and a local downtown retailer, I have seen these internet entities glean thousands upon thousands of dollars in retail sales from our local businesses. As a result of that, our local units of government have lost thousands of dollars in valuable sales tax dollar revenue.

Every day I hear of local stores going out of business due to the loss of retail sales to the internet. In small towns, every time the local business base shrinks, the sales tax collections of that business goes with them, lessening the income to local units of government. So begins the downward spiral of tax income for local government as we lose revenue not to be replaced by the internet sales who contributed to the demise of local business. Passage of this bill will help to equalize the playing field.

I note there is a \$50,000 threshold. I believe that anyone selling products into the State of Kansas, regardless where they are located, should be collecting and remitting the appropriate sales tax to government. There should be no threshold, it should begin with the first dollar of sales, just as it does for local retailers.

Thank you for your anticipated support of the bill. It's passage would be a very good first step in aiding local government.

Sincerely,



Jerry Mayo