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Chairman Johnson and to the rest of the Kansas House Taxation committee--

I urge you to vote yes and pass HB2668 out of committee. This is a bill that incentivizes Kansan grown produce, props up community building and helps provide at least some relief to individuals from the high sales tax on food.

Small farms in Kansas have been on the decline for decades. Farms have consolidated to compete and often focus on the big grains to compete nationally and internationally. But farming has been the backbone of Kansas since its inception. This bill gives an incentive to small time Kansan farmers that's needed.

Kansan farmers often bring their specialty crops to farmer's markets in urban areas. These markets are a destination for the locals and draw people from all around. Communities rally around these markets and this bill helps foster these markets, and goes one small step towards bringing back that sense of community.

Finally, our state has one of the highest tax rates on food. While we may not be able to attack the problem in its entirety, this bill takes a step in the right direction of lowering sales tax on food at least in one setting.

One note on the \$25,000 cap currently in the bill: that was a mistake not caught in my initial drafting of the bill where the revisor used a model of another state's similar legislation. I think this could be amended as the committee sees fit and I could support raising or removal of that cap.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rep Jeff Pittman

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