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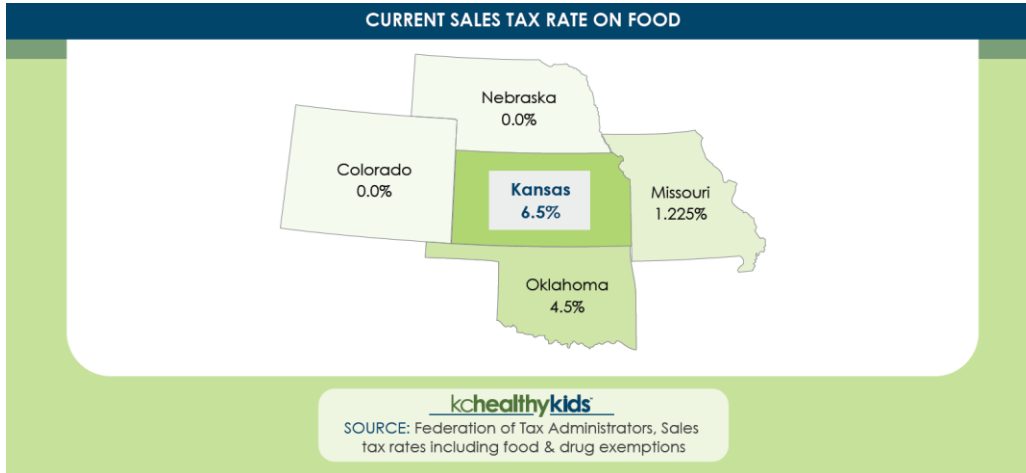
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HB 2668

Chairman Johnson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2668. KC Healthy Kids is a Kansas City area non profit focused on reducing childhood obesity by shaping policies to improve access to healthy food.

Over the last several years, KC Healthy Kids has conducted numerous surveys and research around sales tax on food in Kansas which has shown our high sales tax rate harms the Kansas economy, businesses and families.

Of the fourteen states in the nation that charge sales tax on food, seven charge the full rate, including Kansas at 6.5% . In addition to paying the state sales tax rate of 6.5% when buying food, Kansans must also pay additional city/county taxes, bringing the total to 11% in some areas.



Eliminating sales tax collected on products sold at farmers markets would promote the purchase of Kansas grown products, encourage consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables and reduce administrative burdens on Kansas farmers. For these reasons, we ask the committee to support HB 2668.