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From: Rachel Pollock
Board Chair, KCK Farmers' Market

Proponent
HB 2668

Chairman Johnson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2668. The KCK Farmers' Market works with local growers to sell their produce in three different locations in Wyandotte County.

Many of the farmers that we work with are new to markets and sell excess vegetables grown in their gardens. Sometimes they have additional fulltime work and sell fruits and vegetables as supplemental income. The administrative burden of reporting and paying sales taxes is significant, and deters new farmers from opening businesses in our state.

In Wyandotte County, many of our customers are Seniors on fixed income or families using SNAP assistance. The cost of sales taxes are passed onto them, increasing the cost of fresh food.

Lowering the sales tax on food would benefit the Kansas economy while putting dollars back into the pockets of Kansas families who need it most. For these reasons, we ask the committee to support HB 2668.

If you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachel Pollock'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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