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Chairman Johnson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2668. Eliminating Sales Tax at Farmers Markets would be helpful in many ways. Most of the vendors work so hard to make small profits. Many items need to be sold for a flat price. This saves time in waiting on customers and the customers have made it clear they don't want to deal with odd amounts of change in this environment. This results in customers not even realizing that the vendors must take the tax out of the price they paid. Also, the time spent bookkeeping would be dramatically decreased if we didn't have to track sales tax collected on some items, while separating transactions that are exempt for the Double Up Food Bucks program.

The foods purchased are high quality, usually made from local ingredients, and without preservatives. This benefits everyone financially and health wise.

Most states don't charge sales tax on groceries, so it seems that starting with Farmers Markets would be a great way to encourage Kansans to eat local, quality foods.

For these reasons, I ask the committee to support HB 2668.

Thank you,

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