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**Proponent Testimony for SCR 1604 – Sales Tax on Food**

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**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation**

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Chairwoman Tyson and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Catholic Conference supports the proposal to reduce the sales tax on food. This is one way of alleviating the burden that an increased sales tax places upon the poor as they try to purchase the basic necessities of life. We commend the committee for considering this proposal.

With respect to process, it is not entirely clear why a constitutional amendment is the preferred vehicle for this initiative. All things being equal, a statutory change would seem to offer the simpler means for addressing this particular piece of tax policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

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