

Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee
SB 341 – Opponent Testimony – Written Only
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Chairwoman Tyson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to SB 341, which would provide a sales tax exemption for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Wichita, Inc.

Please bear in mind, nothing in our opposition to this proposed legislation should be viewed as opposition to the work of Ronald McDonald House facilities in Wichita or elsewhere. We all know someone who has benefited from their service and generosity.

Kansas already has a long list of sales tax exemptions, and we believe any further consideration of exemptions should be done in conjunction with a complete review of all existing exemptions.

Ideally, that review should result in fewer exemptions and a lower rate. It's easy to make the case that a particular exemption is 'worthwhile' but the fact remains that every exemption contributes to citizens paying a higher rate.

Accordingly, we encourage the committee to reject SB 341 and thank the committee for its consideration.