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TESTIMONY IN FAVOR OF HB 2261

Thank you, Chairman Johnson, and members of the committee for allowing me to testify on this most important matter.

Reducing the food sales tax is an issue everyone cares about. I've been discussing this issue for the last two election cycles and judging from the commercials and postcards, Kansas wants this addressed.

I know we're all talking about tax cuts. But for too long, the working Kansans always foot the bill. When Brownback's great recession hit, with showers of money on the most fortunate among us, this body elected to balance its budget with more tax on baby formula and diapers. We are now one of the highest food sales taxes in the country.

It's time to give working class Kansans the break they have earned and deserve. This will help everyone, not just a select few.

We are one of **only** 14 states that tax food. It's the most regressive tax that hits working Kansans the hardest.

It is now time to reduce the food sales tax.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee.

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