



TESTIMONY OF JOEY HENTZLER
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KANSAS HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

NEUTRAL TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2261

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My name is Joey Hentzler; I am the director of advocacy for the Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the belief that Kansans, working together, can build a state full of thriving, inclusive, and just communities.

Kansas Appleseed is Neutral on House Bill 2261.

Kansas Appleseed is in favor of a lower sales tax on food, but we also recognize that revenue generated by the current sales tax funds critical social services at a time when Kansas continues to recover financially. Any reduction of revenue should be part of a balanced policy that maintains our state's services and fiscal health. Kansas Appleseed believes targeted tax credits and other financial assistance for vulnerable Kansas families who are struggling from paycheck to paycheck may provide more benefit, with less risk, than an across-the-board sales tax reduction on food.