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To: House Committee on Taxation  
From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs  
Re: **Joint Proponent Written Testimony on Senate Bill 265, requiring the state board of tax appeals to serve orders and notices by electronic means if requested by the party**

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Chairman Johnson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 265. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), the Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas Biofuels Association.

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is an agribusiness industry trade association with membership of over 700 companies across Kansas. Renew Kansas Biofuels Association is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry.

Across Kansas, our member grain elevators, biofuel processing plants, and agribusiness facilities pay millions of dollars annually in property taxes that help support schools and local government. The ability of our members to operate a competitive or profitable business is often determined by the amount of fixed costs they must pay, such as property taxes. In recent years, the property tax burden on our members has grown exponentially through increases in property valuations.

Senate Bill 265 would clarify that the state board of tax appeals may serve an order or notice upon a party by electronic means if the party has requested and consented to electronic service. Such service by electronic means would be complete upon transmission.

As this change would allow greater flexibility for the parties to a property tax appeal, it would be beneficial and support good public policy. For that reason, we stand in support of this bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 265.