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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
House Committee on Taxation
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding HB 2656, which would eliminate the current apportionment formula for countywide sales tax.

At the local level, partnerships between city and county government are critical to allow for the growth of the area. Where these partnerships are strong, growth is nurtured. Where these partnerships are weak or broken, growth could be stunted.

HB 2656 threatens to disrupt longstanding partnerships between KAC member counties and the cities within their borders. While this could mean additional revenue for counties, KAC recognizes that the relationships built over time are critical to the future growth of our member counties. For that reason, KAC asks that the current formula be left in place, and that HB 2656 be rejected.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jay Hall
Kansas Association of Counties

