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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB71

March 24, 2021

TO: Chairman Adam Smith, Vice-Chairman Les Mason, Ranking Minority Member Jim Gartner, and Members of the House Taxation Committee

I am here today in support of <u>SB71</u>, giving a tax credit to the Eisenhower Foundation. As many of you who have served on this committee before know, this is not the first time this bill has come before this Committee. The Eisenhower Foundation, the Eisenhower Library, and the boyhood home of President Dwight D. Eisenhower are located in Abilene, Kansas. The Eisenhower Library is one of the premier tourist attractions for the state of Kansas and the city of Abilene, bringing in many tourists. This is one of the largest revenue generators for our city.

I would ask the Committee to support this bill without amendments. There are a number of people waiting to testify who have more expertise as to the specificity of their needs and the services they provide to the state of Kansas.

I would hope that the Committee would pass **SB71** out of committee to the floor of the House so we all can have a vote.

I will stand for questions.

John E. Barker

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