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Support - Testimony to the House Taxation Committee
on HB 2684 March 1, 2022

By Cindy Lane, Executive Director
Southeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging

Thank you, Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee
My name is Cindy Lane, Executive Director of the Southeast Kansas Area
Agency on Aging. Our non-profit agency provides services for the elderly and
disabled in the nine counties in the southeast corner of our state. We pride
ourselves in supporting Seniors to remain in their own communities for as long
as possible.

Most of the funding for our agency comes from Federal and State dollars. The
allocation of Federal dollars has remained unchanged for 20 years. We provide
congregate and home delivered meals in our service area. The food that we
purchase is exempt from sales tax.

The other items we purchase to support Seniors in their communities are not tax
exempt. Examples of items that we have purchased are window air
conditioners, incontinence supplies, food and food supplements, walkers, bath
benches, space heaters, hearing aids, bedding, eyeglasses, and medications.

Services that we have purchased to support Seniors include gas line repair,
maintenance of yards, utility payments, pest control, minor home modification.

Other organizations such as the Community Developmental Disability
Organizations in our communities are tax exempt, as are the three Area
Agencies on Aging that are also units of government – Johnson, Sedgwick,
Wyandotte and Leavenworth counties.

We request that you allow all Area Agencies in the State of Kansas be treated
equally and request you consider approval of this bill. Thank-you.