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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I support HB2485 and amending K.S.A 2021 Supp. 79-3606 to provide tax exemption on sales made by school operated and/or sponsored organizations. This would allow more funding to be kept where it can directly benefit students and their extracurricular activities. I would strongly encourage the committee to expand the organizations that would qualify for this tax exemption to include the following:

- Cheerleaders, Pep Squads, Pep Clubs, Drill Team
- Chess Club
- Class clubs (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior)
- Clubs for art, computers, history, music, languages, sports, science, etc.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Forensics Club and National Forensics League
- Fraternities and Sororities (honorary and social)
- Honor Societies (academic and specific fields)
- Journalism Society
- Kansas Association for Youth – KAY
- Letterman Club
- Ethnic Student Associations and Multicultural Clubs
- Music Groups (band, choir, orchestra)
- National Honor Society
- ROTC/Jr. ROTC
- Student Council/Student Government Association
- Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD)
- Teens as Teachers

To include these student groups, I would encourage the committee to strike “has student members and that contracts with” and amend it to read “operates with agreement with or is sponsored by” in Section 1. (0000).

According to information provided to the Kansas Department of Revenue by the Kansas Department of Education, including these types of student organizations would result in around -3.0 million in sales tax foregone.

I would strongly urge the committee to work HB2485 to include the amendment mentioned above and to pass the bill out of committee favorably for passage.