



**Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 2387**

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**On Behalf of the City of Wichita**

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Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee:

The City of Wichita supports the efforts included in House Bill 2387 to mitigate the impact on STAR bond districts caused by a change in the reduction of the sales tax on food. These districts and the associated financial models were developed based on the sales tax rates at the time of their formation, before the passage of the phase down of the sales tax on food in Kansas. Any subsequent change in sales tax rates would alter the financial performance of the STAR bond district and reduce the ability to pay off bonds used to finance STAR bond district improvements.

The prudent creation of the STAR bond food sales tax revenue replacement fund and the transfer of funds to offset the lost revenue will protect STAR bond districts from any unintended consequences of changing sales tax rates. The City of Wichita wholeheartedly appreciates this thoughtful approach.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 2387. Please let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.