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Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our nearly 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of H.B. 2446, AN ACT concerning cities and counties; prohibiting the regulation of plastic and other containers designed for the consumption, transportation or protection of merchandise, food, or beverages.

H.B. 2446 would prohibit municipalities from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, resolution or regulation that restricts, taxes, prohibits, or otherwise regulates the use, disposition, or sale of auxiliary containers or consumer merchandise. The bill includes definitions for auxiliary container and consumer merchandise. The bill would take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

The Chamber stands in strong support of this legislation as a matter of supporting public policies that keep Kansas as competitive as possible when it comes to recruiting and retaining jobs. The Chamber supports uniform regulation across the state whereby firms doing business in Kansas with multiple locations are assured of a regulatory scheme that is both understandable and predictable. Cities creating a patchwork of regulations causes confusion and increases the cost of doing business in the state.

With this mind, we respectfully request that the Committee report H.B. 2446 favorable for passage.

Very truly yours,

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