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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of HB 2685, which would grant a sale tax exemption for all 501c3 non-profit organizations in Kansas. Wichita Repertory Theater (ICTRep) is a non-profit theatrical company with a primary focus on producing plays. A significant part of our mission is to provide semi-professional training opportunities for college students and recent graduates who wish to pursue a career in theatre.

Like other performing arts organizations in Kansas, ICTRep depends largely on the generous support of donors to fund our productions. In our case, ticket sales cover less than 20 percent of the cost of our productions. We recognize that we are stewards of the funds contributed to us, and we strive to use them wisely and frugally. At the same time, we must purchase the materials and rent the equipment necessary to produce high-quality plays for our audiences and to fulfill our educational mission for young actors and creatives.

Passage of HB 2685 would eliminate the current iniquity regarding which organizations in Kansas are exempt from sales taxes. It would also put performing arts organizations like ICTRep on an equal footing tax-wise with our peer institutions in other states. Most importantly, however, it would allow us to devote more of our limited resources toward producing plays that enrich the quality of life in our community and provide performance opportunities for the students we seek to train. I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan Longhofer'.

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