



Written Proponent Testimony of the **Kansas Public Health Association** to the  
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee  
SB 168 | February 16, 2023

Chairwoman Tyson and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Public Health Association (KPHA) to provide written, proponent testimony on SB 168, which would authorize cities and counties to exempt sales of food and food ingredients from sales taxes levied by such a city or county.

In 2022, the Kansas Legislature passed HB 2106, which slowly decreased the required state sales tax on food and food ingredients in Kansas. This elimination provides much needed relief for Kansans and their families, many of which experience food insecurity already, and are forced to make food decisions based on income. SB 168 would provide further relief for Kansans by allowing cities and/or counties to exempt sales tax for food and food ingredients on a local and/or county level.

The Kansas Public Health Association encourages the committee to support SB 168 favorably as presented for passage to continue to allow Kansans to feel the relief of food sales tax elimination.

Respectfully submitted,

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