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Testimony in Support of House Bill 2416

Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee on Taxation:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in favor of House Bill 2416. We represent much of the area served by the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. We can all recognize the important work that these agencies provide to older residents through senior centers, friendship meals, Medicare assistance, and other programs. These agencies provide vital lifelines and further promote the health and welfare of those they serve.

These agencies are consistently asked to provide more services with fewer resources. This has become even more true as inflation has decreased buying power and had a disproportionate impact on food services. Further, the way these agencies were initially created has also left a legacy disparity among the agencies themselves. Those agencies that are operated directly by a county (mostly urban areas) are exempt from sales tax, while those organized as non-profit organizations must pay sales tax. These agencies operate many buildings and often must use their budgets to cover large capital costs to keep those buildings in good repair. This results in substantial sales tax costs. Those agencies located in urban areas do not pay sales tax and get to put that money back into their programs, while rural agencies do not.

Given the good and necessary work these agencies perform, the relatively small fiscal note, and the existing disparity between urban and rural agencies, we ask that you support House Bill 2416 and increase support for our older constituents.

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