

TESTIMONY ON HB2244

February 18, 2013

Chairman Carlson and Committee Members;

I appear today in support of **HB 2244** which as written is proposing to eliminate, over a four-year period, the tax on boats and other watercraft in Kansas. The citizens of Kansas directed the legislature, in the 2012 general election, to bring the taxing of watercraft in line with the taxing of recreational vehicles. Those vehicles are being taxed at zero percent; therefore the tax rate on all boats should be reduced to zero percent.

Kansas is losing revenue under the current tax policy as owners choose to move their boats to surrounding states for storage where the tax policy is more equitable. I have been an advocate for these changes and moving the tax rate to zero. **HB 2244** will resolve the issue and actually bring the revenue back to the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of **HB 2244**.

Representative Sharon Schwartz