

## **Testimony for HB2244**

Mr. Chairman and members of the taxation committee,

February 14, 2013

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify before your committee on taxation.

We did a constitutional amendment this past year that would help lower the taxes on water craft here in the state. The amendment allowed the legislature to set the tax rate for water craft, which we did not have the authority to do because of the constitution. The first thing that we did was that amendment. The people of Kansas voted to allow us to change the way we tax water craft in Kansas. This was brought to us by a bass association in 2011. They had noticed that there was several individuals that were registering their boats out of state. As they investigated this they discovered that the individuals were doing that because of the lower taxes and fees in other states. They felt that if we could lower these fees it would bring several of them back to Kansas to be registered. Also in talking with several of the individuals, They stated that they wanted to help Kansas and show them a way that the state could bring more revenue into the state of Kansas

I urge this committee to pass out this bill so that we can bring more revenue into our state.

Thank you for your time.

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