



## **Testimony In Support of HB2255**

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**On Behalf of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association**

**Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee**

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Chairman Donovan:

As the President of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, I stand alongside the other Kansas telecommunication providers in strong support of HB2255.

Among other important factors that guide our members' investment of precious dollars, is the general tax climate in the states they do business. Kansas currently exempts sales taxes for machinery & equipment purchases by manufacturers. To stay competitive with neighboring states and to increase the likelihood of significant network investments and an increase in jobs in the telecommunications industry, we urge your support on HB2255 which will provide similar treatment of telecommunication investments.

The KCTA has as members, cable operators in all four corners of the state, big and small, serving both rural and urban areas of Kansas. For those who do business in multiple states, we would prefer that they look favorably towards Kansas when decisions are made related to network/infrastructure investments. The passage of HB2255 will do just that.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony and I am happy to answer any questions of the Committee.