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To: House Committee on Taxation

RE: HB 2384

Chairman & Members of the Committee:

As a member of the Kansas Recreation & Park Association and responsible for the delivery of recreation services in the Hutchinson community I am concerned about the possibility of removing the sales tax exemption for government operated facilities that charge user fees/memberships.

I respectfully request strong consideration be given to the barrier of taxing government operated recreation facilities would be to many of our patrons, especially the elderly, as they seek to improve their health.

Further, this bill will disproportionately affect Kansan's in lower income brackets and those who have no other option for exercise and recreation.

I am available to discuss further if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony T. Finlay".

Anthony T. Finlay
Executive Director

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