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House Committee on Taxation  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB 2749 Session of 2018

Mister Chairperson:

I am writing on behalf of all three commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas. This letter is to provide written testimony in support of House Bill No. 2749 which would allow the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County, Kansas to submit the question of imposing a countywide retailers' sales tax at a rate of 0.4% to the voters. This sales tax revenue would be pledged for the purpose of financing public infrastructure projects.

This bill would allow the electors of Jackson County to decide whether this sales tax is or is not appropriate for them. Sales tax is often considered to be one of the more "fair" taxes because of the consumption basis for the sales tax. This kind of tax allows us to keep property taxes down in the community but still allows us to provide services to those outside of our county who come into this county for shopping and the like. Jackson County voters have approved a 0.4% sales tax at least twice before and this commission would like the chance to have the voters make this choice yet again.

The revenue from this sales tax historically has provided necessary funds for the upkeep of Jackson County's public infrastructure. Jackson County, Kansas works extremely hard to maintain and make improvements to our road and bridge system. This

sales tax revenue helps Jackson County, Kansas maintain and make improvements to roads and bridges which we would otherwise not be able to maintain or improve.

We thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of House Bill 2749 as well as encourage and welcome you to contact us at any time should you have further concerns or questions.

Very Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Zwonitzer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet Zwonitzer

Second District Commissioner