

[WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY]

**Testimony of Dennis Blomberg, Viking Auto Supply  
Before the House Committee on Taxation  
In Support of House Bill No. 2756  
March 1, 2018**

Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of the Mainstreet Parity Act which would require online sellers to collect sales tax.

I own Viking Auto Supply, an auto parts store in central Kansas. Several times we worked with customers determining their needs for products, only to have them make the purchase online to avoid paying Kansas Sales tax.

This happened again last Friday on a piece of equipment that would have purchased for an amount in excess of \$4,000.00. The purchaser avoided the Kansas sales tax which would have been in excess of \$380.00. We lost the sale. The State lost the sales tax. The State lost the income tax I would have paid.

Now we understand the state is looking at adopting an Internet sales tax. We support this idea. Very few like to pay tax, but in this case, it is necessary to make a level playing field for businesses in Kansas.

Thank you.

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