HB 2659 Opponent Testimony – written only House Taxation Committee Doubling the state sales tax on certain vehicles Dave Trabert – President March 12, 2018



Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2659, which would double the state sales tax on certain vehicles.

Kansans have already been hit with the largest exorbitant property tax increases by cities and counties and this bill would add to the pain by punishing those who can afford a more expensive recreational vehicle.

This committee has already approved HB 2756, requiring sales tax be collected by out-of-state retailers, and part of the rationale was that not having the tax collected puts in-state brick-and-mortar stores at a disadvantage. We submit that charging a higher sales tax on certain vehicles places a competitive disadvantage on the sellers of those vehicles.

For these reasons, we encourage the Committee to reject HB 2659 and thank the Members for their consideration.