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BRANDON WHIPPLE 96TH DISTRICT

Dear Mr. Chair and members of the committee,

I would like to express support for HB 2302, *Sunsetting the Food Sales Tax Credit and Enacting the Food Sales Tax Refund*. As you may know, the Food Sales Tax Refund Program was repealed after 2012. This bill would reinstate the program.

The program would give a set refund amount for sales tax paid on food for taxpayers whose income is \$36,700 or below. The goal of this is to help the most vulnerable Kansans get relief from one of the highest food sales taxes in the country. To be eligible for this tax refund, taxpayers would either be 55 years or older, totally and permanently disabled or blind, or have at least one dependent under 18 living with them the entire year.

I am in support in HB 2302 because it is a targeted approach to put money back in the pocket of everyday Kansans. I hope the committee agrees.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Brandon Whipple