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Testimony in Support of HB 2173
Senate Assessment & Taxation

Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee:

The Northeast Johnson County cities of Merriam, Mission, Prairie Village, and Westwood Hills express their support for House Bill 2173, which requires marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales, use, and transient guest taxes and 911 fees from sales made through their platforms.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2173, which will bring Kansas in alignment with most other states, bring much needed revenue to the state, and help level the playing field for our local businesses.

Kansas is currently one of just a few states with no marketplace facilitator law, but we hope that changes this Session. The Kansas Department of Revenues estimates that requiring marketplace facilitators to collect and remit sales tax will increase state revenue by \$43.1 million in fiscal year 2022 alone. This is a crucial step in the right direction for helping in our state's economic recovery.

Lastly, and most importantly, a marketplace facilitator provision levels the playing field between online sellers and both our small and large local businesses who have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic. The collection of sales tax from marketplace facilitators is critical to putting our brick and mortar stores on par with online sellers, and will help both our state and our local businesses on the long road to economic recovery from this pandemic, and beyond.

We urge you to consider HB 2173 favorable for passage. Thank you for your attention and I welcome any questions you may have on this matter.

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