



Dear Chairman Smith and Members Taxation Committee,

My name is Jon McCormick, President and CEO of the Retail Grocers Association of Kansas and Missouri. It is an honor to be here before you. And I know you represent me, my members, and my member's customers in your endeavors here in the Capitol. Your work here is not easy and I respect all that you do for Kansas and Kansans.

I am here today to ask you to support lowering the Food Sales Tax in the State of Kansas to 0%.

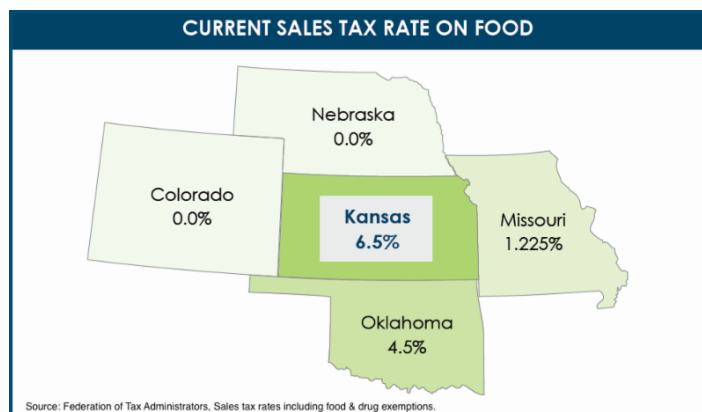
I would ask you to support Bill 2484 Mainly, because it begins on July 1. Both 2487 and 2484 are on the right track. Lower the cost of groceries for Kansas consumers. But there is a side benefit for doing so.

The current tax on food is a wedge between the Kansas Retailer and the border retailers in Colorado, Nebraska, Missouri, and Oklahoma. The Kansans that are within a reasonable drive to another State's supermarket are taking that drive. Taking money out of the State of Kansas. The Retailers near the border are at a distinct disadvantage, many have succumbed to the economic pressure. By passing HB 2487 or 2484 you will help stop the migration, save Kansan's time, fuel and food dollars and you will be helping save Kansas Retailers on the borders.

Either bill... 2487 or 2484 does require better definitions of prepared food.

Buying groceries in a supermarket or a convenience store is most often considerably less than in a restaurant.

I would like you to support the essence of each bill, with an effective starting date of July 1, 2022 and gather some retailer input on prepared food and design a better definition for the bill that you will support and pass.



I ask you to support a Bill that eliminates sales tax on Food in the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your time today.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jon'.

Jon McCormick  
President, CEO Retail Grocers Association of greater Kansas