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Chairman Smith, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of reducing the sales tax on certain hygiene products.

Kansas NEA supports a progressive tax system that ensures that taxation as a percentage does not fall more heavily on low income individuals. Sales tax, by its nature, is a regressive tax.

Earlier in the session, in testifying in favor of various bills addressing the sales tax on food, we stated that the sales tax is a regressive tax putting more pressure on low-income individuals and families than on the wealthy. We see HB 2461 as an appropriate extension to these legislative proposals.

In addition to the financial incentive to support the proposed legislation, the use of the items addressed in HB 2461 creates habits that can provide for healthier students, healthier classrooms, and healthier schools.

With that said, it would be our preference that this bill -- like the plan to reduce the food sales tax -- would simply reduce the sales tax on certain hygiene products at the state level and holds local units of government harmless.

We thank you for your time.