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TO: House Tax Committee

FROM: Travis Lowe
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RE: Neutral Testimony of HB 2711

DATE: March 2, 2022

Mr. Chair and members of the committee,
On behalf of Economic Lifelines, thank you for the opportunity to present feedback on HB 2711.

Economic Lifelines serves as a state-wide coalition supporting Kansas transportation and infrastructure policy. Economic Lifelines is proud to represent over 60 members, consisting of private businesses, trade associations, local units of government and local chambers of commerce located in Kansas.

As members of the committee may recall, Economic Lifelines provided remarks earlier in the session noting that our member interest is not to discuss the philosophy of food sales tax but instead bring awareness of the portion of existing state sales tax designated for the State Highway Fund. We understand that as the committee weighs various bill approaches, the exact designated percentage for the State Highway Fund would change correspondingly with the bill's fiscal note to hold the State Highway Fund harmless.

Economic Lifelines is pleased to see HB 2711 make this protection for the State Highway Fund by changing the existing 16.15% designated percentage to 17.61%. Our members thank Chairman Smith and committee members for this consideration. This aims to continue long-term support for the IKE Ten-Year Comprehensive Transportation Plan, signed into law in 2020.

As always, Economic Lifelines is happy to work with the committee with any questions as it relates to the State Highway Fund.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.