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TESTIMONY

TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

**FROM: SCOTT HEIDNER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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RE: HB 2318

DATE: MARCH 7, 2023

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony today on behalf of ACEC KS. ACEC KS is the trade association representing private consulting engineering companies in Kansas.

ACEC Kansas is neutral on the greater public policy question regarding appropriate rate and application of sales tax in Kansas. However, we want to draw attention to potential impacts to the state highway fund.

As you know, a portion of sales tax is dedicated to the state highway fund, so changes in the sales tax rate have an impact on those funding levels. Over the last couple years, the Legislature has been very forward-thinking when discussing changes to sales



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tax by including adjustments to the amount transferred to the state highway fund to hold that amount harmless.

We are here to simply ask that you continue that practice. Whatever changes you decide to make regarding sales tax policy in Kansas, we urge you to bear in mind any changes that will create to the state highway fund and make a technical amendment to ensure those funding levels remain consistent.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.