



Thursday, January 26, 2022

**Written-only Testimony in Support of SB 41  
Before the Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee  
Ann Smith-Tate, President & CEO, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce**

Chairman Tyson and Members of the Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee,

Recognized as an Accredited Chamber by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Shawnee and beyond. We represent over 650 member businesses, providing them with cutting edge products and services designed to help make Shawnee a great place to live and do business. Under the direction of the 18 business and community leaders who make up our Board of Directors, the Chamber's staff is dedicated to the organization's vision to promote the interests of Shawnee and be the leading advocate for the growth and enhancement of our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in favor of SB 41, which proposes to provide for a remittance credit up to \$300 monthly to retailers for the collection of sales and compensating use tax. Currently, twenty-eight states including Missouri, Nebraska, and Colorado allow retailers to retain a portion or an administrative allowance to offset the costs associated with collecting sales tax for the state. In addition, Kansas allows out of state retailers collecting tax for Kansas to retain an administrative allowance. SB 41 will level the playing field for our instate retailers. By affording an administrative allowance, Kansas retailers will be able to recoup a small portion of the costs associated with collecting sales tax on behalf of the state such as the software required to administer the collection of the sales tax, the time spent serving as the state's tax collector as well the costs of sales tax auditing and liability from the state-all of which are expensive and time consuming.

We respectfully request you support SB 41 to allow Kansas retailers an administrative allowance for their collection efforts. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments on this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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