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Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee:

I'm a proud, lifelong Kansan. I've lived in Sedgwick County since birth, and, barring some unforeseen events, I will likely be buried underneath some nearby dirt one day. My mantra is to "think locally and act locally". It's what inspired me to quit complaining and theorizing about the solutions to issues affecting the daily lives of my family and my neighbors and join my local Bel Aire City Council to have a direct voice and vote in the decisions on those issues.

There are numerous challenges locally, nationally, and globally, many of the latter two that affect and influence Kansans directly. So, we cannot usually just shut our eyes and ears and hope for the best. However, I always prefer to look as nearby as possible for solutions instead of 1,000 + miles to the east every time I don't like something...especially if DC is a source of the problem.

Inflation and the dilution of the purchasing power of our dollars, especially in recent years with the trillions of dollars printed and injected into our economy, is a travesty and hardship for all of us across Bel Aire, Sedgwick County, and the state. It particularly victimizes the most vulnerable among us, lower-income individuals and those on fixed incomes.

However, I don't believe in wallowing in victimhood. I believe in creating solutions that require as little permission and cooperation as possible. SB 303 is part of the solution to this issue and an excellent, sensible step in the right direction to recognize gold and silver as legal tender and to remove state taxation of them so that Kansans, if they so choose, may have them in their arsenal of options as we all go to battle against this Fed-induced inflation.

I strongly urge you to support SB 303. Thank you for your service, time, and consideration.

Sincerely,

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