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House Taxation Committee
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HB 2004

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2004, which would allow Seward County residents the opportunity to determine whether the county should impose a countywide retailers' sales tax.

This bill does not impose a countywide sales tax. State law requires legislative approval for counties to place a countywide sales tax initiative on the ballot. Voting yes on HB 2004 would only allow the voters of Seward County to decide whether to impose this countywide sales tax for the purpose of financing the costs of roadway and bridge construction, maintenance and improvements in the county.

This is the epitome of local control—giving the local voters the ability to choose whether or not to impose this countywide sales tax, while understanding the use of those sales tax proceeds. The Kansas Association of Counties supports local control, and also supports HB 2004.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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