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Rep. Clarke Sanders

The Theatre Sales Tax Exemption bill that is coming before the State house is important to the theaters in Kansas. Theaters and the arts enrich lives and sparks imagination in all of us. In the rural communities theater is a vital cultural resource. Great Plains Theatre located in Abilene, Ks provides high- quality professional live theater and educational programming. According to the National Endowment of the Arts, communities with active arts programs experience higher rates of civic engagement, stronger community, cohesion, and improved educational outcomes. The research from American for the Arts reveals that for every dollar invested in the arts, there is a estimated return of \$3 to \$5 in economic activity, driven by increased local spending, tourism and job creation.

For these reasons the Exemption of sales tax for the theater will provide money to keep the theaters going. Please consider helping to support the arts in Kansas.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca Dikken". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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