



Pursuit of Theatre Excellence

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Dear Representative Clark,

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Theatre Atchison, in conjunction with other community theaters across Kansas, is asking our legislative body to consider a bill that would make community theaters exempt from paying sales tax on products it purchases to produce live shows and educational programming. On a statewide spectrum, the amount of sales tax the respective community theaters contribute to the tax pool for Kansas is minuscule in comparison to the benefit it would create when spent back into the respective communities. Community theaters, like Theatre Atchison, are unique on so many levels.

In a very general economic category, we are considered a service industry. By all non-profit standards, we are an arts organization. To Convention and Visitor Bureaus and Chamber of Commerce organizations, we are destination businesses, and to our communities we are a quality-of-life benefit.

Community theaters communicative story telling methods have evolved over the years, however the need for and importance of the "reflections of life" we experience through live theaters across Kansas has not changed. Please work to support the established community theater organizations within the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your time and consideration in helping to press what we theaters in Kansas feel to be a very important issue.

Sincerely,

Travis Grossman
Executive Director