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Written Testimony in support of HB 2211

Chairman Smith and members of the committee,

The City of Wichita supports the efforts included in House Bill 2211 to mitigate the impact on STAR bond districts caused by a change in the sales tax rate on food and food ingredients.

These districts and the associated financial models were developed based on the sales tax rates at the time of their formation. Any subsequent change in sales tax rates would alter the financial performance of the STAR bond district and reduce the ability to pay off bonds used to finance STAR bond district improvements. The prudent creation of the STAR bond food sales tax revenue replacement fund and the transfer of funds to offset the lost revenue will protect STAR bond districts from any unintended consequences of changing sales tax rates.

The City of Wichita wholeheartedly appreciates this thoughtful approach and urges the passage of HB 2211

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