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To: Senate Committee on Taxation

From: Randy Stookey, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and General Counsel

Re: Joint Proponent Testimony on Senate Bill 259, providing that future personal and corporate

income tax rate decreases be contingent on exceeding tax receipt revenues.

Chairperson Tyson and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 259. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Renew Kansas Biofuels Association (Renew Kansas), and Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA).

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a statewide agribusiness industry trade association with membership including over 700 companies across Kansas that provide agricultural goods, services, and crop consultation to Kansas farmers. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas biofuels industry.

Across Kansas, our member grain elevators, biofuel processing plants, and agribusiness facilities are good corporate citizens that provide high paying jobs to Kansans and annually pay millions of dollars in taxes to help support schools and local units of government.

However, the ability of our members to operate a competitive business is often determined by the amount of overhead costs on their operation, such as taxes, which strain the operating budgets of our industries, limit their ability to grow and further invest in their facilities and employees, and lower the overall competitiveness of the Kansas agricultural sector. For this reason, our associations support legislation that would reduce the overall tax burden.

Senate Bill 259 seeks to offer tax relief by adjusting personal and corporate income tax rates with the annual rate of inflation to ensure the state receives a consistent level of annual revenue from income taxes.

It is our opinion that the provisions in this bill are reasonable, represent good public tax policy, and will work to lower the overall tax burden on all taxpayers. For these reasons, we stand in support of the bill.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 259. We respectfully request that the committee pass the bill out favorably.