



**Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 51  
Presented to Senate Committee on Commerce  
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On behalf of the Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA), please accept this written testimony in support of Senate Bill 51 (SB 51) which provides sales tax exemptions for the construction, remodeling, and equipping of qualified data centers in our state. This legislation is a crucial step in fostering economic growth, job creation, and technological advancement in Kansas.

**Economic Development and Job Creation:** SB 51 will attract significant investments from data center operators and technology firms. The minimum investment requirement of \$250 million ensures that substantial and impactful projects will qualify, leading to the creation of high-quality jobs, generation of new state and local revenue, and stimulating local economies.

**Technological Advancement:** Data centers are the backbone of today's technological infrastructure. By encouraging their development, Kansas can position itself as a leader in the technology sector. This will not only attract businesses but also promote innovation and research in various industries. SB 51 helps Kansas overcome cost barriers tied to ongoing investments data centers make and the sales taxes on those investments that our peer states do not charge.

**Support for Local Communities:** The construction and operation of data centers bring numerous benefits to local communities, including increased tax revenue, improved infrastructure, and the creation of ancillary businesses. The nature of data centers requires a steady base of construction jobs followed by technology support businesses on an ongoing basis. SB 51 will ensure that these benefits are realized, contributing to the overall well-being and prosperity of our state across multiple business sectors

Kansas SB 51 is legislation that will have a lasting positive impact on our state's economy, technology sector, and communities. KEDA recommends that the legislature to pass this bill and help make Kansas a hub for technological innovation and economic growth.

Thank you for your consideration.