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TO: Rep. Steven Johnson, Chair
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RE: Support for HB 2162

The Lenexa Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to share its support for HB 2162, which increases the threshold above which retailers are required to estimate and pre-pay sales tax semi-monthly from the current \$32,000 in annual sales tax liability up to \$40,000.

Retailers are charged with collecting and remitting sales tax revenues, incurring administrative time and expense on behalf of state and local governments – burdens that hit smaller businesses particularly hard. HB 2162 proposes what we feel is a very modest increase to a threshold that has not been raised in many years, yet one that can substantially impact a business's reporting and remittance requirements.

We believe this reasonable threshold increase would mitigate the burden for an additional number of small businesses and would also send an important message to affected retailers that the legislature recognizes the burden it has imposed on them.

For these reasons, we would encourage you to support HB 2162 and appreciate your consideration of our input.