



February 12, 2019

Committee on Rural Revitalization
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612

RE: Written Only Testimony In Support of HB2131

Dear Committee on Rural Revitalization:

Thank you for considering the testimony provided by the Morton County Economic Development and **EPIC TOUCH** Economic Development in support of HB2131. This legislation is important to provide us yet another incentive for small rural communities to recruit/expand our local business base.

Morton County participated in the Kansas Enterprise Zone Program assisting several new businesses and business expansions. The Sales Tax Exemption portion was the most desirable incentive in the program allowing the creation of 20 to 30 new jobs in our communities. We need every tool possible to attract and retain businesses in Kansas, to reinstate the Sales Tax Exemption would certainly help sustain and grow our rural communities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Vienna Lee, Director
Morton Co. Economic Development
P O Box 1269
Elkhart, KS 67950-1269
620-697-2525
vlee@elkhart.com

Becki Richardson, Economic Development Director

