

# CITY OF SHAWNEE

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Date: March 13, 2023  
To: Chairman Smith and Members of the House Committee on Taxation  
From: Caitlin Gard, Deputy City Manager  
Re: Written Testimony in Opposition of SB 248

Chairman Smith and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of SB 248 on behalf of the City of Shawnee.

The City of Shawnee relies on stable revenue sources and urges the Kansas Legislature to avoid applying any further limitations to the collection of sales taxes at the local level.

The diversification of revenues for any municipality is important, as it doesn't place the sole burden upon any one revenue source. The City of Shawnee has an appropriately diverse revenue stream and is 43% reliant on sales and uses taxes and 32% reliant on property taxes. If the language in this bill is taken as-is and applied to all non-prepared food sales within the city limits of Shawnee, the direct revenue loss would be approximately \$6.4 million per year, or 21% of the City's sales and use tax revenue.

The local tax burden has already shifted too far to residential property taxes due to state policy changes. By providing additional taxing limitations, this bill would further shift that burden on residential property owners.

In addition to this written testimony, the City of Shawnee has combined with dozens of other Johnson County municipalities in submitting opposition to this legislation through the Council of Mayors.

Based on this testimony, the City of Shawnee requests you do not advance SB 248 out of Committee.

Sincerely,



Caitlin Gard  
Deputy City Manager

