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Child Care Aware of Kansas
Written-Only Proponent Testimony for HB 2687
House Committee on Taxation

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony in support of HB 2687, which would establish a state child tax credit. Child Care Aware of Kansas is a network of child care resources and referral agencies working to ensure that all young children and their families have access to affordable, high-quality early care and education.

Child Care Aware of Kansas supports the child tax credit as it stands to benefit families across all income brackets in Kansas. The structured approach of the proposed tax credit enables it to effectively support Kansas' most disadvantaged families. The advantages of the child tax credit extend to reducing poverty, alleviating childhood hunger, enhancing future earning potential for adults, and promoting improvements in infant and maternal health. These positive outcomes underscore the clear rationale for implementing a state child tax credit.

Thank you for taking the time to review my testimony. This issue holds significant importance for Child Care Aware of Kansas, as we consistently hear from families and child care providers about the financial challenges they face. I strongly urge this committee to enact the child tax credit for Kansas families. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me at tanya.koehn@ks.childcareaware.org or 785-833-6554

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tanya Koehn".

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