

Written Testimony on SB 21
before the
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
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We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 21 and the concepts embodied in the measure. These concepts would have a great positive impact on the finances of parents of students in our district by exempting from the Kansas retailers' sales tax act the sales of any school supplies, school instructional materials or school art supplies having a sales price of \$100 or less per item.

The start of the school year is always tough on parents, especially those with multiple students, as they help equip children for the start of a new year. This measure could provide much needed assistance to all parents.

The only question that we would raise would be that of the length of time for utilization of this exemption. We trust the wisdom of the Committee as you find that perfect balance which provides a longer period of time, possibly the full weekend, to allow for the maximum utilization by parents while not having the program drag on.

Either way, please know of our support for SB 21 and the concepts it embodies.

Thank you.