



Proponent: SB 377

January 31, 2024

Chair Tyson and Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation:

The Kansas Food and Farm Coalition strongly supports the passage of SB 377, and the provision to immediately eliminate the state-level sales tax on food and food ingredients. Our organizations are united in support of the immediate elimination of the state sales tax on food, which will:

Save Kansas families money. This is urgently needed as food costs continue to rise due to inflation and families struggle to put food on the table.

Keep money in Kansas communities and in farmers' pockets. With money saved by not paying the high state sales tax, consumers can spend more on food from their local grocery store or farmers market.

The Kansas Food and Farm Coalition (FFC) is a group of long-standing Kansas nonprofit organizations concerned about our food system - from farm to fork. In recognition of how interwoven food system issues are, these organizations have come together to support policies that grow Kansas communities' local food systems. This includes policies that support small and mid-sized farms, increase production and sales of locally grown foods, increase access to healthy food for all, and improve food security in our communities.

Respectfully,

Harvesters
Kansas Food Action Network
Kansas Rural Center
KC Healthy Kids

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