

Oral Proponent Testimony before the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
To  
Sykes/Kelly Bill Providing an annual sales tax holiday for sales of certain school supplies

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Chairman Tyson, Member of the Assessment and Taxation Committee

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the committee today. The United School Administrators of Kansas supports the intent to allow for a sales tax holiday on school supplies and equipment.

Benefits of a sales tax holiday on school supplies and equipment:

Provides a great deal of relief for families that are preparing to send their children back to school.

Boosts the state's economy by providing retailers across the state to run promotions over the period of the sales tax holiday.

Offers real relief for Kansas families experiencing economic challenges as their children return to school in the fall.

Keeps money that will be spent on back-to-school items in Kansas. Currently Missouri and Oklahoma have sales tax holidays. Many families are leaving Kansas for the weekend to take advantage of these savings. Not only is money spent in these states on back-to-school supplies but also on food, gas, and lodging.

In order to help support families on back-to-school expenses and benefit the Kansas economy we encourage you to favorably support the Sales Tax Holiday for Back-to-School Supplies.

Respectfully,

Jim Karleskint  
United School Administrators of Kansas