

Testimony for HB 2414 Committee on Taxation March 24, 2021

Mr. Chairman and Members for the Committee,

My name is Adam Lusker and it is my pleasure to provide testimony on behalf of SugarCreek Packing Company in Frontenac, KS in support of HB 2414 - amending the Employer Child Care Tax Credit.

SugarCreek is a family-owned, privately held S Corporation that has operated a bacon manufacturing plant in Southeast Kansas since 1982. The company has a longstanding commitment to sustainability, safety and the latest technology. SugarCreek is deeply committed to the members of our team. In our home state of Ohio, we have four sites with affiliated childcare centers which provide our employees the peace of mind that comes from having safe, reliable, supervised care for their children. We have found this leads to lower rates of absenteeism and greater recruitment and retention.

Expansion of the Child Care Tax Credit for Employers would help SugarCreek partner with a longtime childcare provider in Southeast Kansas to provide high-quality child care for our employees. We are very interested in exploring this option, but as an S corporation we do not qualify under existing law. We support HB 2414 and ask you to recommend this bill favorably for passage.

Thank you for your time.