



**Testimony of Mike Baughn, Thomas County Commissioner
Before the House Committee on Taxation
In Opposition of House Bill No. 2738
March 17, 2022**

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Chairperson Smith and Members of the Committee:

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on House Bill No. 2738. KLPG is a non-partisan organization comprised of elected commissioners representing the collective interests of 33 rural Kansas counties.

House Bill No. 2738 repeals sales tax authority for Atchison County and discontinues the statutory requirement for proceeds from countywide sales tax for general purposes to be shared between counties and cities beginning July 1, 2022.

We oppose Section 2 of House Bill No. 2738.

We work cooperatively with our local government partners to develop relationships that benefit all the residents of our communities through a shared tax base. Passage of House Bill No. 2738 with Section 2 will unravel and divide these successful partnerships.

For years, we have been successfully operating under this tax sharing arrangement and we have had no complaints that this system has failed.

There is no compelling reason for the legislature to change current law that is successfully working and ask that you remove Section 2 in House Bill No. 2738.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony to the Committee.

Mike Baughn
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