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Oral Proponent Testimony

Before the

House Committee on Taxation

On

HB 2423 - authorizing continuation of the statewide levy for schools and the exemption of a portion of residential property from such levy

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Mr. Chairman, Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2423. We appear as a proponent to continue this important funding source for K-12 education, which is expected to raise over \$750 million next year to help fund state foundation aid.

KASB members support continuing implementation of the *Gannon* school finance plan, which is designed to restore school operating funding to inflation-adjusted 2009 levels by 2023. That funding will allow school districts to restore positions and programs cuts between 2009 and 2018, add new staff and programs to assist students and be competitive with other states in the nation and region that have moved ahead of Kansas in funding and salaries.

We support a mix of tax revenues that will make that plan possible.

Thank you for your consideration.