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To: Chairman Steven Johnson  
House Committee on Taxation  
From: Katie Schroeder, City Attorney for City of Beloit  
Re: HB 2756 - Proponent

Thank you Chairman and Committee for allowing me to submit testimony in support of HB 2756. The City of Beloit is currently in support of this legislation.

The City of Beloit levies a 1.0% local sales tax which provides a valuable revenue source for our city. The sales tax funds our city's capital improvement fund and of this 1.0%, 0.3% funds the city's debt for a new water park which was completed in 2012. Recent projects completed with funding through our capital improvement fund include concrete streets and sewer improvements through two major north/south and east/west corridors of the city and the platting and development of a 30 acre tract of property with concrete streets and other infrastructure improvements. The CIP fund also provided the local match dollars for a recent KDOT geometric improvement project within the city and ongoing airport improvement projects including a runway extension and new lighting system. Future projects contemplated include the re-design and construction of two additional major streets, both of which connect to U.S. Highway 24.

Beloit, the county seat of Mitchell County, has a population of 3,800 and is home to a technical college and two of the three schools in Mitchell County. It also serves as home to modern healthcare facilities with a hospital and medical clinic served by nine physicians. Beloit continues its progressive outlook and is always looking for ways to improve the lives of its citizens. The City participates in the Safe Routes to School Program and the Department of Commerce Housing Rehabilitation program. In short, while Beloit is located in a rural area of our state, we are a thriving community and are determined to see growth so as to enhance the lives of our citizens and those citizens of our surrounding communities who rely on Beloit for healthcare, education, retail, entertainment and other needs.

As the retail landscape changes to more of an online presence, HB 2756 will ensure that Beloit and other Kansas communities just like us will continue to receive adequate levels of revenue through local sales tax. Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie J. Schroeder". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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