

HB 2616 Proponent Testimony - written only
House Taxation Committee
Providing 3.25 percent sales tax on food
Dave Trabert - President
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in qualified support of HB 2616, which would cut the food sales tax from 6.5 percent to 3.25 percent.

We support reducing the sales tax on food but fear that doing so will result in a tax burden shift, given the magnitude of the revenue reduction. The budget may already be out of balance for FY 2020 and the Legislature is being pressured to increase funding for K-12 education and other reasons, so we encourage the Committee to recommend a means of paying for this tax cut if the bill is approved.

Thank you for your consideration.