

House Taxation Committee
HB 2554 – Opponent Testimony – Written Only
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2554, which would provide a sales tax exemption for Brothers in Blue Re-Entry.

Please bear in mind, nothing in our opposition to this proposed legislation should be viewed as opposition to the work of Brothers in Blue Re-Entry.

Kansas already has a long list of sales tax exemptions, and we believe any further consideration of exemptions should be done in conjunction with a complete review of all existing exemptions.

Ideally, that review should result in fewer exemptions and a lower rate. It's easy to make the case that a particular exemption is 'worthwhile' but the fact remains that every exemption contributes to citizens paying a higher rate.

Accordingly, we encourage the committee to reject HB 2554 and thank the committee for its consideration.