

To: Kansas Senate Tax Committee

From: Rick Raines
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Subject: **Support for SB 437, Sales and use tax exemption of bullion, numismatic coins and currency**

Madam Chairwoman and members of the tax committee:

Thank you for allowing me to share my support for the Senate Bill 437, Sales and use tax exemption of bullion, numismatic coins and currency.

I am the owner of Raines Rare Coins, LLC. and have been a full time coin dealer for 5 years. Even though I am not a resident of Kansas, I am a native of Olathe, Kansas and am a current property owner in Topeka. My business transactions are mostly based in Missouri, where there is no tax on coins and bullion. On average, close to 30% of my sales are from Kansas customers doing business in Missouri. When I first began my business, I studied where to locate and quickly ruled out Kansas because of this tax issue.

I am also the treasurer of the largest coin club in the state of Kansas (over 120 members), the Johnson County Numismatic Society. Over the past 20 years of being with the club, I have served as past presidents and am the current show chairman for of Club. Annually, our club sponsors one of the largest coin shows in the state of Kansas, in October with over 50 dealers from the Midwest. This annual show brings in over \$10,000 to the City of Lenexa, Kansas from facility rental, dealers travel and food expences. Over the past few years, one of the main issues we have had recruiting new dealers to come to our show is the tax on coins, currency and bullion. Several dealers express that because of the current tax issue in Kansas, that they will not attend the show. Some of these same dealers actually reside in Kansas. With all of the states surrounding Kansas not having this tax, it makes it very easy for Kansas residents to do their business "across the state line". Elimination of this tax would put Kansas on the same level field with other states and would allow our show and dealers to grow and prosper. Our club and members are fully supportive of the Senate Bill 437 and are looking forward to its passage and further growth of our hobby and investments in the State of Kansas.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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