

# Eliminate Sales Tax on Food

I am representing the Kansas Council of Chapters of the Military Officers Association of America. Our Council is in favor of passage of a bill which will eliminate Kansas taxation of food. HB2711 is one such bill.

Kansas has a proud tradition of supporting currently serving and formerly serving members of the Armed Forces. Elimination of the sales tax on food would further extend that proud tradition of supporting the troops and their families.

***Last year a coalition of Kansas veterans advocates met and identified the sales tax on food as a top issue that made Kansas unattractive to veterans and their families.***

***Accordingly, our top legislative priority remaining before House Taxation is elimination of the sales tax on food. Kansas leaders, we urge you to sweep aside other loosely related issues and focus on the key need to eliminate this regressive tax.***

On behalf of those citizens in uniform now serving and those who have served in uniform in the past, I ask the committee to support a bill to eliminate the sales tax on food and forward the bill to the House floor with a recommendation for passage. I urge Honorable Representatives to keep focused and support a reasonable bill whose main provision is to eliminate the sales tax on food. Such a bill will benefit every Kansan that shops at our Kansas grocers.

Respectfully submitted,

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