

QUEEN'S HEADQUARTERS



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Senate Taxation Committee,

As a Grocery Retailer in Kansas, we are excited to see sales tax on food items being absolved for the residents of our state as they battle strong inflation, especially in food.

However, we urge the Taxation Committee to consider the retailer in their endeavors as well, and know that we have 50,000+ unique UPCs in our stores, and this is no simple undertaking. We currently have to maintain that database for WIC and SNAP eligibility, plus the addition of the Food Tax Bill at the first of 2023, and to ask for a 4th level of segmentation of those 50,000+ items, is discerning to us as business owners. We want to see our customers benefit from a reduction of their tax burden on their food bill, but the complexity that you have introduced to the process is costing us precious time and money in administrative expenses for implementation, and now upkeep and changes.

We would urge the Committee to keep the best interest of both you state residents, and your local retailers in mind, and follow SNAP eligibility standards, or the standards already set forward in the original Bill, both of which the administrative task has already been completed. Additional changes only add unnecessary burden and confusion at all levels of the supply chain.

Sincerely,

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