



## Written Testimony in Support of HB 2513

Presented to the House Committee on  
Taxation

Tim McKee, President  
Olathe Chamber of Commerce  
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Chairman Johnson and Honorable Committee Members,

The Olathe Chamber of Commerce is the largest chamber in Johnson County and the second largest chamber in the Kansas City area. Comprised of 1,300 members and growing, it was the first chamber in the state to receive 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce – a designation obtained by less than 1 percent of the nation’s chambers. Its mission is to be the voice of business that advances the economic well-being and quality of life in Olathe. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments in support of the HB 2513.

A long-standing principal of the Olathe Chamber is to support tax policies that are fair and equitable to all taxpayers. Our members support addressing the inequities that exist in the collection of internet sales tax and support seeking tax policy that levels the tax collection “playing field” for the brick and mortar taxpayers residing in Kansas. After the 2018 US Supreme Court *Wayfair* decision, states have the authority to collect taxes for online sales by out-of-state vendors, which includes marketplace facilitators. As such, we are in support of HB 2513 because it will require marketplace facilitators, who often avoid collecting those taxes when selling to Kansas consumers, to collect and remit sales, use and transient guest taxes back to Kansas.

Passing HB 2513 assures the responsibility of tax collection will fairly be on all retailers selling in Kansas. The members of the Olathe Chamber urge your support and passage of HB 2513.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim McKee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tim McKee, CEO, Olathe Chamber of Commerce