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To: Chair Tyson and members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Re: Testimony of SB 306

From: Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA), Dave Johnston, President

Date: January 13, 2022

The Kansas Emergency Medical Services Association (KEMSA) is the professional association representing the paramedics, EMTs and ambulance services serving the citizens of Kansas. KEMSA works on various regulatory and legislative matters as well as conferences and educational programs.

SB306 seeks to extend a sales tax exemption to ambulance services that are organized as nonprofit public agencies. This would extend the buying power to those agencies that all other ambulance serves currently enjoy. Ambulance service finances have been heavily impacted by rising costs of supplies and equipment, staffing recruitment and retention as well as the rates they are able to collect. This issue is especially difficult for agencies located on one or more boarders because of the discrepancy in rates and uncomplicated care, and at least one service that would be impacted by this legislation is on 2 boarders.

KEMSA asks that you support SB306 as a part of maintaining quality EMS services in our state.

Sincerely,

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