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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 335 – AN ACT CONCERNING DOUBLE TAXATION OF BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS

Co-Chairs Senator Fonfara, Representative Berger; Vice Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Lemar, Representative Santiago; Ranking Members Senator Frantz, Representative Davis; and esteemed members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of Raised Bill 335 – An Act Concerning Double Taxation of Business-to-Business Transactions.

As the current law stands, there are situations where a business must pay the sales tax when they purchase a product from a wholesale vendor and then are obligated to collect the sales tax again when they sell the good again. Forcing these consumers to pay a tax twice on the same good is a detriment to their ability to thrive and makes it incredibly difficult to do business in this state. This extra cost is then taken on by the customer in this case, as they are effectively paying double sales tax to the state. These extra costs that small businesses are forced to incur make them much less competitive and cause many to shut down or move out of state

Passage of this law will have a tremendous effect on our local economy. It'll be easier to do business, small businesses and small business owners will be more likely to grow and prosper, and most importantly we will all benefit, as consumers, from lower prices for the goods we buy. We will not feel obligated to go to large chain stores to buy goods from cheaper and instead we can help support the local small businesses in our community.

Thank you for your consideration, and I urge you all to support this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lezlye Zupkus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and a long, sweeping tail.

Lezlye Zupkus

State Representative – 89th District

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