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House Ways & Means Committee: HB 66

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify as a sponsor of House Bill 66.

Since the state collects certain excise taxes at the wholesale level of commerce, it has inadvertently created a situation where the responsible tax paying party is left on the hook for payments they were supposed to be able to recoup. This is unjust and we as a legislature ought to remedy this issue by passing HB 66. This bill is identical to HB 513 from the 134th General Assembly that was reported out of the House Ways and Means Committee and passed the House by a unanimous vote.

HB 66 will enable wholesalers to recover their tax expenses when they are unable to obtain reimbursement from the retailer who was obligated to remit payment for the excise taxes covered by the wholesaler. This bill will help keep wholesalers whole.

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and Members of the House Ways and Means Committee. Thank you for your time today. Please join me in supporting this probusiness legislation. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.