

Senator Jeff King  
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Topeka, KS 66612

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee;

I am writing today in support of SB 508. I have been very involved in the community of Independence, Kansas, both as a city commissioner and as a board member of the Independence Chamber of Commerce. I am a registered Republican and have voted the party line as long as I can remember, but I believe a change is needed for our state.

I believe we should try our best to keep taxes low, the government small, and do what we can to make it easier for our Kansas businesses to be successful. I supported the legislature as it passed the Governor's tax plan that exempted LLC's, subchapter S corporations, and sole proprietorships from state income tax. I thought that it would make it appealing to out of state business owners to relocate to Kansas and might just put a spark in our faltering economy.

I believe it takes courage to step outside the box and make changes like this. It takes more courage to admit it did not work and have the willingness to reverse the decision. I have talked to a lot of business owners in southeast Kansas about the benefits of the tax cuts. While they appreciate the reduction in their bottom line, it has not increased their business at all. They have not added jobs or expanded their businesses in anyway. They just make more money at the end of the year.

Quite simply, this experiment did not work and is at least partly to blame for the large deficit in our state budget. I believe the legislature would be doing the right thing in admitting this did not work and I appreciate your willingness to change. I look forward to your continued work and diligence for the residents of Kansas and urge you to close the loophole.

Sincerely,

Richard Mott

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