



To: House Committee on Taxation
From: Marcus Winn, Director of Voter Engagement, MORE²
Date: March 9, 2023
Re: SB 169 - Opposition

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 169.

MORE², or Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity, is a faith-based coalition of dozens of congregations, non-profits, and individuals in the Metro Kansas City region, which exists to advance racial and economic equity in our communities. We are non-partisan, with membership that spans the political spectrum, united in common values and goals. Our members are diverse: racially, economically, geographically, and more. Yet, we are united in belief that tax policy is more than a political issue, but moreover a moral issue.

We believe SB 169 would negatively impact our membership and communities across Kansas were it to become law. While we are not opposed to the concept of tax relief, analysis shows that 70% of the financial benefit of this proposal would be concentrated among the wealthiest 20% of Kansans. Meanwhile, our state continues to fall short in investments for child care, health care, and special education.

We would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with legislators on fair and equitable tax reform alternatives, but we urge this committee to reject SB 169. Thank you again for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

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