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Date: February 13, 2024
To: Chair Tyson and Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
From: Mickey Sandifer, Mayor
Re: Written Testimony in Opposition of SB 468

Submitted via email: Assessment.Taxation@senate.ks.gov

Chair Tyson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of Senate Bill 468 on behalf of the City of Shawnee.

As proposed, this legislation would harm cities, businesses, and residents by challenging local efforts of economic development through job creation and redevelopment of blighted areas unique to each community.

Associating economic incentive tools to the Revenue Neutral Rate process could result in significant negative impacts to taxing jurisdictions across the state and would not bolster the intended efforts of transparency or accountability as it relates to the property tax process. Additionally, the proposed legislation would also undermine any Governing Body's or taxing jurisdiction's authority for the regulation and management of economic incentive tools.

Based on this testimony, the City of Shawnee requests you do not pass Senate Bill 468 out of committee.

Sincerely,



Mickey Sandifer
Mayor

