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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Senator Caryn Tyson, Chair
Statement in Opposition of SB 546

March 16, 2024

I am writing in opposition to SB 546. An act concerning taxation relating to income tax; decreasing the corporate income tax rate; discontinuing income, premium and privilege tax credits of the high performance incentive program; etc.

In my opinion, the passage of Senate Bill No. 546 is addressing the wrong part of the problem. It would eliminate Department of Commerce Incentive Programs. These programs have been implemented to grow the tax base. The Department of Commerce 2023 Business Development Program had 255 projects that created or retained 11,952 jobs resulting in \$3,000,000,000 in capital investment. Kansas needs these types of programs to compete nationally and globally if the State of Kansas is to grow our taxation base i to alleviate higher future taxes.

Our economy continues to struggle with higher inflation. Most economic development projects have become much more expensive than originally planned. The Kansas business environment needs government incentives, sound regulatory environment that results in an attractive state economic climate to attract business to employ more people and ultimately expand the tax base for the State of Kansas and city and county tax bases. Our focus should be on legislation that expanded the tax base not legislation to limit the tax base.

Please shift the focus to have more equitable taxation in the State of Kansas that grows our tax base so we will be able to better spread to cost of services all levels of government need and should provide. Thank you for your valuable service to our citizens.

Respectfully,

Thomas A. Brown, McPherson Mayor`

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