



Area Chamber of Commerce

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Opposition for Senate Bill 546

Written Testimony Only

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I am testifying on behalf of the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce in opposition to Senate Bill 546. We have twelve companies in Saline County that utilize both Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) and High-Performance Incentive Programs (HPIP) and will be adversely affected should those incentives be cut. Two of these companies are our 2nd and 3rd largest employers, and several others fall in our top 15 largest employers.

Despite SB 546's exchange to lower the corporate income tax in lieu of tax incentives, the benefit of lower taxes does not provide the same monetary incentives that these economic development tools do. These incentives also do exactly what their titles indicate in that they promote job creation and employment, as well as new capital investment and high wage jobs. Lowering taxes for all companies instead of rewarding our high performing companies stands to stymie the growth and investment we are experiencing.

Furthermore, two of our high-performing companies are 100% employee-owned and don't pay Kansas income tax. They both have indicated continuing to utilize HPIP to be able to grow and invest in both their companies, and their community. Pulling these incentives would be punitive to their efforts to grow and add high wage jobs.

We are asking that you please reconsider SB 546, and the real-world effects it will have on strong and successful companies in Kansas.