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Members of the House Committee on Taxation
Kansas State Capitol
Room 346-S
Topeka, KS

RE: House Bill 2208

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Topeka Community Foundation, I am writing in support of HB 2208 - establishing a tax credit for endowment gifts to certain endowment funds held by qualified community foundations.

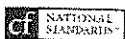
The Topeka Community Foundation primarily serves Topeka and Shawnee County - but makes health related grants in an additional nine counties in Kansas.

As our foundation focuses on inclusive economic development and the social determinants of health, unrestricted grant dollars are one of the most powerful tools we can leverage. These funds allow us to respond quickly to emerging needs, invest strategically in long-term solutions, and support innovative programs that strengthen our communities. Whether addressing urgent crises, expanding childcare access, or funding workforce development, unrestricted grants ensure we can direct resources where they are needed most—without the limitations of specific funding streams.

A tax credit for endowed funds is critical to sustaining this impact. Endowed funds create lasting community resources, generating grant dollars year after year. A tax incentive encourages donors to invest in their communities for the long haul, ensuring that vital programs remain funded for generations. This is not just about philanthropy, it's about creating a stable, thriving future for Kansas.

I respectfully urge you to support HB 2208. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Marsha Pope
President
Topeka Community Foundation



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