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To: Honorable Richard Carlson, Chairman, House Committee on Taxation

From: Charlie Sedlock, Division Manager, Hamm, Inc.

Re: HB 2747

Mr. Chairman and Honorable Members of the Committee:

My name is Charlie Sedlock, from Lawrence, KS and I'm here representing Hamm, Inc. of Perry, KS to express our strong opposition to HB 2747 as it relates to funding for transportation in our state.

Hamm, Inc., one of the largest employers in our area, has been constructing high quality roads for KDOT for decades. In the process, we have grown from a small-town company in Perry to a regional company with over 250 Kansas employees. This bill will likely have severely negative impacts on Hamm, Inc. in the form of reduced projects and employee layoffs. Right now, construction prices are low and the state is getting an outstanding value for each dollar spent on highway projects, and thus, is not the time to cut highway funding for some type of income tax savings.

If enacted, this bill will keep KDOT from completing the T-WORKS program. In the past, state transportation has had to fill the State's budget shortfall when the economy was distressed. Now is not the time to take more money from transportation funding. Kansas is beginning an economic recovery - don't stop it by shutting down our strongest jobs program. Governor Brownback's budget for transportation has acknowledged the importance of continued **FULL** funding for the T-WORKS program.