

House Taxation Committee

Written Testimony on HB 2747

Submitted by Tim McKee, CEO of Olathe Chamber

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Chairman Carlson and members of the committee;

The Olathe Chamber is here to express concerns about the reduction in the transportation dollars set out in HB 2747 and express our continued support for the T-Works program and its projects for the state and the Johnson County area.

The Olathe Chamber of Commerce applauds the Governor and the Kansas House of Representatives for looking at ways to reduce the tax burden and grow jobs in the state. However, transportation is a vital economic development component as we continue to grow and bring jobs into the state. A strong transportation infrastructure is critical to our continued success. The Olathe Chamber believes that the T-Works Program is a critical economic development piece and we oppose dollars being diverted from the program.

We ask that you preserve the current transportation program and the dollars associated with it and look for other ways to fund tax relief for the state.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 913. 764.1050.

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