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Regarding: H.B. 2763 The Economic Freedom ACT of 2014

This testimony is written in support of HB 2763 for a great many more reasons than can possibly be here addressed.

For twelve years I have promoted among the citizens of Kansas the concepts contained in 2763. In the process of informing myself and others I have accumulated a downright cumbersome volume <sup>of</sup> related information. ~~It~~ <sup>This knowledge</sup> results in making the attempt to testify on the subject seem pretty much like trying to fill a tumbler with a fire hose. God willing a few of my thoughts will stir up your mind and find purchase among your sympathies.

In the mid 1600's Samuel Rutherford quite literally took his own life in his hands by reducing to writing a simple, yet until then never written for public consumption, concept. That concept is: The power granted to government, any government, flows only one way: from God to the people and by consent of the people to ~~the~~ government.

Two hundred years later in about 1844 MR. Fredrick Bastiat wrote a small book titled 'The Law', in which he makes an observation I believe to be true, born out by history which preceded the observation and such as has followed world wide. MR Bastiat declared the following: I paraphrase; 'IT MUST be noticed that law can do only one of two things. Law MUST seek to organize plunder or to eliminate plunder.

IN The case of The former once the admission is made that law can only organize plunder ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> things may occur

1. The Few will Plunder The Many
2. The Many will Plunder The Few
3. Everyone will plunder Anyone They Choose

IN The case of The latter being perfectly Applied no-one plunders anyone. As law is written and Applied by men perfection cannot be expected. What can be expected is that justice and morality in the latter case have hope of survival! I believe MR. Bastiat has it dead right.

A little over 100 years following MR Bastiat's published

COMMENTS & MR. Chodorov penned a book entitled  
 'The INCOME TAX; ROOT OF ALL EVIL'. IN THIS publica-  
 tion MR Chodorov enumerates many of <sup>the</sup> sundry evils inher-  
 ently attendant TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE INCOME TAX.  
 The book having been published NOW NEARLY 60 YEARS AGO  
 AN ENORMOUS NUMBER OF EVILS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THOSE  
 HE SO APTLY CALLS TO PUBLIC ATTENTION!

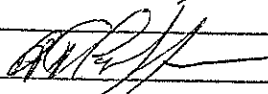
Finally may I call TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE AND ATTENTION  
 YOUR OATH OF OFFICE AND SUCH DUTY AS IS REQUIRED THEREBY  
 BOTH YOUR OATH AND ATTENDANT DUTY ARE PURPOSED TO  
 BENEFIT ONLY ONE GROUP THE LEGAL TAXPAYING CITIZENS OF  
 KANSAS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. TO ENSURE THAT  
 EVERY CITIZEN RECEIVES EQUAL, I REPEAT EQUAL TREATMENT  
 UNDER LAW WHICH CIRCUMSTANCE CANNOT BE SUSTAINED  
 UNDER ANY FORM OF INCOME TAX NOW OR EVER.

The principle portion of your duty AS A SITTING  
 LEGISLATOR IS NOT TO DEVISE SCHEMES TO DO THINGS FOR  
 THE CITIZENS BUT CONTRARIWISE <sup>EVEN</sup> AT EXTREME COST ~~TO~~  
 AVOID DOING THINGS TO THE CITIZENS.

Abraham Lincoln in his first inaugural address spoke at some considerable length. When <sup>he</sup> began <sup>to</sup> realize he must quit he used this phrase 'I AM loath to quit' I suspect his passion for preserving the Union which he loved & was at that moment very nearly overwhelming.

After 12 years of working toward this day I TO AM 'loath to quit'. I beg each of <sup>you</sup> to think long and well on the subject here today discussed in the nearly certain knowledge that if you do you too will recognize that the whole of decency and duty require your immediate positive support for 2763.

Thank you

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