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In FY 2000 Kansas sales tax collections exceeded Oklahoma's sales tax collections by 88 million. In FY 2009 Oklahoma's sales tax revenues exceeded Kansas's sales tax revenues by 283 million.

Why did this happen?

During the period Kansas income tax rate remained at 6.45%. The Kansas sales tax rate increased from 4.9% to 5.3% to 6.3%.

Oklahoma kept its sales tax rate at 4.5%.

Oklahoma decreased its state income tax rate from 7% to 5.3 %, a 24% decrease. By keeping their sales tax low compared to Kansas and reducing the individual income tax, Oklahoma realized tremendous growth. This is not an isolated example.

Taxpayer's today vote with their feet. Population change over the past decade speaks for itself. The nine states without personal income taxes which accounted for 19% of the overall population in the year 2000 experienced 35% of all population growth in the next ten years.

The American Legislative Executive Council (ALEC) is the largest, non-partisan, individual membership association of state legislatures. ALEC's mission is to discuss, develop and disseminate public policy. For four years ALEC has published a book "Rich States, Poor States" which illustrates the effect of tax policy on GDP growth, population growth, revenue growth, and jobs. The evidence is overwhelming. States that leave more money in their own citizen's pockets, do better.

All decisions are based on two parts- knowing the right thing to do and doing it. In the area of taxation knowing the correct action to take is well documented. There is no gray area for politicians to exploit when discussing elimination of the state income tax. All available information is in favor of state income tax elimination.

The March to Zero was obviously created to stop the elimination of the income tax and give those politicians, who are not willing to do the right thing, an option. If you have an abscessed tooth, you pull it. You don't file the tooth down little by little until it's gone. Please do the right thing.