



Kathleen B. Sexton
City Manager

February 13, 2012

Senator Les Donovan
Chair, Assessment and Taxation Committee
Topeka Capital Building, Room 123-E
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chair Donovan:

After reading **SB 317**, which would require trade fixtures used in manufacturing to be taxed as personal property rather than real property, I write to inform you that the City of Derby opposes this bill.

1. This bill would reduce Derby's assessed valuation and shift the property tax burden to non-manufacturing businesses (retail and service, many of which are small business owners) and homeowners.
2. This bill would leave the City more dependent on sales tax (which at least one other pending bill demonstrates is subject to the whim of the Legislature from year to year, making it inherently subject to substantial fluctuation) permit fees, and other fees to meet continually rising costs of fuel, police and fire protection, and equipment replacements.

As a member of the Sedgwick County delegation, your opposition to this bill would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen B. Sexton".

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c: Mayor Dion Avello & Derby City Council

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