



**House Commerce Committee
February 11, 2013
Written Testimony in opposition of HB 2188**

Chairman Kinzer and honorable committee members,

The Olathe Chamber of Commerce is the largest chamber in Johnson County and the second largest chamber in the Kansas City area. Comprised of 1,300 members and growing, it was the first chamber in the state to receive 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce – a designation obtained by less than 1 percent of the nation’s chambers. Its mission is to be the voice of business that advances the economic well-being and quality of life in Olathe.

As the Olathe Chamber’s CEO, I am submitting this written testimony in opposition to HB 2188. If approved, this bill would over burden non-profit organizations receiving public dollars by placing burdensome reporting requirements on them as well as divert time and funds from the organizations core missions. In addition, the open reporting of all expenditures resulting from public dollars will require the Chamber to report expenditures incurred for business recruitment efforts. This public reporting requirement will allow competing states to monitor our activity and place us at a competitive disadvantage. Therefore, we believe that by approving this bill, it will not only hinder the mission of our non-profit members, but will also stifle business recruitment efforts for Kansas.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments in opposition of HB 2188. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 913.764.1050.

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