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Chairman Marvin KleeB and
Members of the House Committee on Taxation

Re: HB2444

Thank you for the Opportunity to speak with you.

We are a Plumbing/Mechanical Contractor in Western Kansas with 57 employees. Our economy is strong and we continue to grow our employee base.

Our employment growth decisions are made based on our business activity and not at all by this tax benefit.

We struggle to find employable people from our economy with full employment. We struggle even more attracting people to our State and Region as we watch our State deteriorate from within. Schools, roads and health care are all suffering.

Our taxes could be available to efficiently help attract and train people to fill the employee needs of our teams.

As a Sub S Corporation, our Company does not pay taxes. Tax responsibility is passed through to we owners. The tax exemption we received in 2012 has had **no** impact on our business, but a tremendous impact on our State.

We look at the tax break we received with this legislation and could **never** employ enough people to offset that tax loss, let alone allow the State to prosper.

It is embarrassing at tax time to sign and mail a significant check for taxes to the IRS and yet basically send nothing to the State of Kansas.

300,000 plus business owners received a tax free status and that resulting burden was placed on the remaining less financially capable in our State. If we in our business managed our budget by moving assets already in our Company and called it new income our Bankers and Bonding Company would shut us down.

We are all in favor of State efficiency! We also enjoy our highway system and education system. We are willing to rejoin the tax paying Kansans and stop this downward spiral.



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