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Testimony for the House Committee on Appropriations HB 2429 & HB 2430 Oppose

Chairman Waymaster and members of the House Committee on Appropriations:

The business leaders and executives of The Alliance for Childhood Education continue to stand opposed to selling any portion of the Tobacco Settlement.

Current law invests this revenue stream in vital early childhood programs that support our future workforce. As business owners and executives, our alliance believes that investing this revenue stream in Kansas' children is one of the most cost-effective ways we can support workforce development and economic growth.

Because of its proven return on investment and the proven impact it has on more than 200,000 Kansas children and their families every year, we ask you to continue to oppose any proposal that securitizes tobacco settlement payments.

The Alliance for Childhood Education is a non-profit, non-partisan coalition of business leaders and executives committed to improving Kansas' education system. The organization was founded on the premise that the business community has the obligation, opportunity and capacity to increase the college and workforce readiness of all students through an ambitious, aggressive and comprehensive reform agenda.

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