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Written Testimony Before the House Taxation Committee

SB 303

By Alicia Holloway, President

Chairman Johnson and members of the Committee:

The Wichita Independent Business Association represents hundreds of independent (not publicly held) businesses across the state. The majority of our members are small businesses. We support SB 303 and the expensing provisions that would benefit many of our members.

The expensing deduction was enacted in Kansas in 2011 and was originally effective for tax year 2012. Tax cut legislation that was enacted in 2012 repealed the tax on non-wage businesses income and also repealed the ability of the individual income tax payer to claim this expensing deduction. When the tax on non-wage business income was restored in 2017, this expensing provision was not restored for individual tax payers. Expensing however, is currently available to taxpayers paying the corporation income tax or financial or institution privilege tax.

WIBA members support SB 303 because many small businesses file income taxes under the individual income tax code and are not able to claim the corporate expensing provisions. We ask that this inequity be remedied by passage of SB 303 and all businesses in Kansas operate on a level playing field, whether they are large or small, file corporate or individual tax returns.

We thank you for your time and consideration and urge its passage. Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.