



Dear Senator Tyson and members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee:

As your committee prepares to discuss SB 147, the Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce joins a coalition of 17 local chambers of commerce that believe the current tax structure has not produced the promised positive boost to the Kansas economy and appears unlikely to be able to provide the level of revenue necessary for the state to provide those services and amenities important to business growth and retention.

Thus, the chamber and our coalition support, and pledge to work with the legislature to pursue, tax reform that produces a balanced and stable tax structure that is fiscally responsible and which creates a competitive and pro-growth business environment. Tax reform should ensure that all income earners pay a reasonable tax on income earned, including a redesign or repeal of the exemption of income earned by pass-through business entities, in order to fairly allocate to all Kansans the burden of paying for an efficient, responsible and effective government.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blake Benson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Blake Benson

President, Pittsburg Area Chamber of Commerce