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Written opposition testimony to SCR 1602
Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee

Dear Chairwoman Caryn Tyson and the members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation:

I OPPOSE Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR1602.

Because of the limits to the yearly growth of revenue imposed by a measure to the Kansas Constitution, Kansas wouldn't be able to adjust its revenue for a changing population or economy.

According to the Census Bureau the population of Kansas will increase unevenly towards 65+ demographic until 2030, where out of every ten people gained, nine will be over the age of 65. Under this bill, for Kansas to maintain its health and other services for the elderly, it would have no choice but to cut other areas of the budget, such as education.

Also, if the number of people who move to our state grows, the newcomers would typically pay taxes for building more roads and hiring more teachers, but with this measure, Kansas would be prevented from collecting the necessary money.

In essence, this measure to the constitution would prevent the state from growing and expanding to meet the needs of its citizens.

Thank you for your consideration,
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