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Madame Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our more than 1,800 members, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of S. B. 13, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to income tax, etc.

The Chamber stands in strong support of the passage of this legislation as we believe Kansas taxpayers, both individual and corporate, should not see a tax increase at the state level as a result of federal tax reform. This certainly was not the intent of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The so called “windfall” is not money raining down on Kansas from the federal government. It is money from Kansas citizen’s pockets that will flow to the state treasury in the form of increased taxes on Kansas workers and Kansas job creators. Of important note is that this increased income for state government is not the result of Kansas policymakers enacting new tax legislation, but rather the unintended consequence of federal policy that was intended to benefit taxpayers nationwide. We would point out that inaction by the Kansas Legislature would increase taxes on Kansans by approximately \$100M.

In addition, we strongly urge the Committee to adopt the language presented by the Kansas Chamber of Commerce related to decoupling from IRS Code 965(a) and 965(c), 951A, 250(a)(1)(B)(i) or GILTI, IRC section 163(j) interest limitation deductions, IRC 118 – capital contributions or IRC 162(r) -FDIC PREMIUMS.

In closing, we thank the Committee for its consideration and urge the passage of S.B. 13 with the suggested amendments.

Very truly yours,

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