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Testimony to the House Committee on Taxation

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written Only Testimony

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to share my opposition to bill HB 2061. This tax proposal, although beneficial to wealthy Kansans and corporations, would hurt middle- and low-income Kansans and greatly reduce the state general fund. Once again a proposal that will hurt our most vulnerable citizens.

We cannot afford another tax experiment in Kansas. The Kansas Division of Budget has estimated this tax proposal will decrease state revenues by \$1.5 billion. This will put our state at risk of not meeting its obligations and the needs of its citizens. We've been through a tax experiment before and we know what it did to our bond rating, our infrastructure, and our kids in public schools.

Our state now has a healthy budget. If you really want to help Kansans, accelerate the elimination of the food sales tax, fully fund special education, invest in mental health, and our infrastructure.

Legislators did the right thing in 2017 when they reversed the previous tax cuts that decimated our state budget. Do not repeat the Brownback error. Please vote no on Bill HB 2061.

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