

**SB2673 -I am Roger Wood, a small business owner in Kansas. I have an MBA in Accounting and a BS in Economics from Pittsburg State University. I am absolutely convinced that SB2673 is the only means to the growth needed in our economy for our future needs and economic health. The USA was once the most powerful economic force known to mankind and we can be again with economic freedom. The book, The 5000 Year Leap by W. Cleon Skousen, points out that we went from when John Adams was a boy and they were burning witches at the stake and farming much the same as they had for 5,000 years to walking on the moon in less than 200 years. Giving businesses and corporations economic freedom will deliver a growth model that will enhance everyone in Kansas and stop the favor factory of giving tax abatements to some and not to other similar taxpayers. As you may be aware, Missouri is working on legislation to compete directly with any of Kansas' tax abatements by threatening to giving 150% more tax abatement to an employer that moves to Missouri and not Kansas. Well 150% of ZERO is ZERO. Ask yourself, if you were on a corporate committee to move to a state with a new facility, how long would it take for you to decide to go to a centrally located state with ZERO tax as opposed to one that is making complex tax laws and MAY be moving to zero?? It seems to me that you would ask—How fast can we move to Kansas?**

**Predictability is another benefit of the SB2673. Inflation or deflation will automatically adjust the tax revenue at the same time that costs increase or decrease. The current so-called economic advisers are merely historians who use previous years' spending for their shaky predictions. When the Fed does quantitative easing and prints billions to pay federal debt it does not work in Kansas favor. Kansas is left with a weaker economy with more inflation and poorer poor as a result.**

**Adjustability is another tool of SB2673. The rate can be changed if necessary.**

**Lastly, and, most importantly, SB2673 gives businesses and corporations liberty and individuals liberty after 3 years. It makes it easier to work and do business in Kansas. More take-home pay and more time for other pursuits than filling out government forms.**

**Ben Franklin, one our noteworthy founders, had a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade education and learned a trade. He went to Philadelphia at age 18 with only a loaf of bread under his arm. With only consumption tax, he built a printing and publishing business and turned it into franchises. He became one of the wealthiest private citizens in the world and gave us freedom and multiple benefits to the world. Because he had the incentive to be productive, he became wealthy and invented many things like electricity, the lightning rod, and on and on. He also started the first public lending library and the first volunteer fire department. His drive and ambition were not thwarted, so he helped bring great things to all mankind.**

**Please give us SB2673 and liberty for the economic freedom that our economy needs to flourish.**