



TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION OF HB 2136

To: House Committee on Taxation

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Honorable Chair and Members of the House Taxation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today in opposition of HB 2136.

The City of Lenexa supports and encourages increased economic development throughout the State of Kansas. Growing a vibrant and diversified economy is vital at the local level in the same way it is vital at the State level. We want to thank the Legislature for the work you've done to date to promote economic development activity in our great State.

We also want to thank you for the Johnson County Gateway Project, for I-35/I-435/K-10 highway improvements. According to a KDOT fact sheet (attached) this project is seen as an economic development engine for our region and the State of Kansas. Building and maintaining quality transportation networks will maintain our State as a place where businesses want to locate and stay.

We encourage the Taxation Committee to maintain the 4/10 of a cent sales tax dedicated to funding the T-Works Program. We thank you for your partnerships in promoting economic development activity.