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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TAXATION HB 2177

Written Testimony in Opposition of HB 2177 on behalf of the City of Shawnee

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Honorable Chair and members of the House Committee on Taxation:

The City of Shawnee supports the current sales tax framework for distribution to local cities and is opposed to House Bill 2177. The Finance Department conducts thorough research and forecasting to ensure the City of Shawnee can estimate future revenue forecasting models. This financial forecasting allows the residents and Governing Body to discuss and schedule long-term projects and programs for the community. The financial forecasting ensures the City has adequate financial reserves to ensure a high bond rating when debt is needed for a large-scale project to benefit our residents.

The proposed legislation is a substantial change from the current tax structure. The City of Shawnee Legislative Program states the City does not support changes in state taxation policy that would narrow the tax base or significantly reduce available funding for key programs. House Bill 2177 would create a substantial alteration and the City would request a thorough review of the impact on communities. Therefore, the City of Shawnee opposes this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

