House Taxation Committee

HB 2654 – Opponent Testimony – Written Only

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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2654, which would provide a tax credit for KCAC facility construction.

Kansas already has a long list of tax exemptions, and we believe any further consideration of exemptions should be done in conjunction with a complete review of all existing exemptions.

Ideally, that review should result in fewer exemptions and a lower rate for all taxpayers. It's easy to make the case that a particular exemption is 'worthwhile' but the fact remains that every exemption contributes to citizens paying a higher rate.

Accordingly, we encourage the committee to reject HB 2654 and thank the committee for its consideration.