

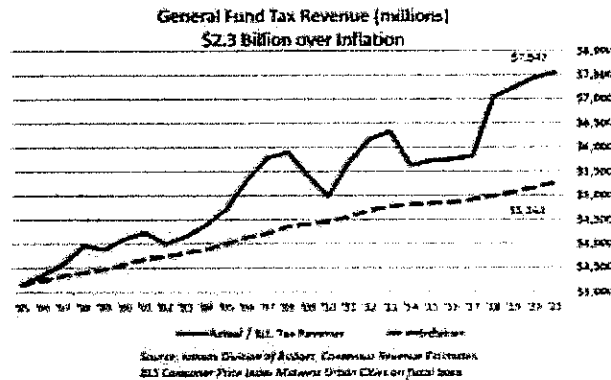


Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2352, which raises taxes on sales activity in Kansas. Our opposition is focused on the provisions that apply taxation to businesses that sell in Kansas and the provisions regarding retroactive taxation.

Kansans’ taxes were raised 5 times in the last 4 years

Kansas has a spending problem that has seen the state recently raise taxes a total of five times, including sales, excise, and the largest income tax hike in state history. The inability to pass HB2228 last year is the fifth tax increase since 2015. The elevated tax burden has meant state tax revenue now stands \$2.3 billion higher than the level if it just kept up with long term inflation.



That tax burden has taken a toll. Over the past 20 years, states with lower tax burdens have provided more jobs and higher wages for Kansas families. Kansans have responded by leaving the state in droves.

History shows Kansas has a spending problem. If the state decides to tax out of state vendors, then use the revenue to lower taxes and make the state more competitive. If not, the state risks driving out commerce into Kansas and further slowing its growth.

For these reasons we ask the committee to strongly reject HB 2352 for passage.