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House Commerce and Economic Development Committee

Mr. Chairman and Committee,

Thank you for allowing my opposition testimony on HB 2334.

I am opposed to this bill primarily because I believe it is theft. In no way is it justifiable to ask you fellow Kansans to earn money in order to pay for the plethora of gifts to possibly help another business.

Think about it for a moment. Call one of your local business owners and tell them their taxes are paying for some larger corporation's payroll, training expenses, moving expenses, and capital investment. That is not what taxes are intended for. This is why politicians only talk about the investment and never the cost.

This bill is being pushed by government officials who have never had a private sector job and only know one thing about economic development - taking someone else's money and giving it to another business and then jumping in front of the cameras bragging about what they did. Please kill this bill and stop politicians from kicking existing Kansas businesses in the face...again.

Respectfully,

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