

# MORE<sup>2</sup>

To: House Committee on Taxation  
From: Marcus Winn, Director of Voter Engagement, MORE<sup>2</sup>  
Date: February 10, 2023  
Re: HB 2061 - Opposition

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2061.

MORE<sup>2</sup>, or Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity, is a faith-based coalition of dozens of congregations, non-profits, and individuals in the Metro Kansas City region, which exists to advance racial and economic equity in our communities. We are non-partisan, with membership that spans the political spectrum, united in common values and goals. As such, we believe tax policy is more than a political issue, but moreover a moral issue.

Our members are diverse: racially, economically, geographically, and more. We believe, however, that all would be negatively impacted were this bill to become law. Inevitably the losses in revenue would weaken public institutions on which we all depend. Our members believe Kansas should invest in public institutions like schools, hospitals, and public defender systems.

We have seen such policies before and know the outcome. We need no new tax experiments. Giving tax breaks to the most economically comfortable rather than investing in the infrastructure that supports the most economically vulnerable would be disastrous for our communities.

We urge this committee to reject HB 2061. Thank you again for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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