



Testimony before the

House Taxation Committee

on

HB2061

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Committee Chair Smith and House Taxation Committee Members

Thank you for allowing USA Kansas and KSSA to provide written testimony on HB 2061. As written, we stand neutral to this bill.

HB2061 is a bill to provide the people and businesses of Kansas a flat tax. Although the idea of a flat tax is intriguing, this bill would cause many disruptions in the state budget. This could be detrimental to all areas of Kansas.

Education could take a huge hit just as it did during the tenure of Governor Brownback. School districts were having to cut budgets during the school year just to survive. Classrooms became larger, curriculum adoption was put on hold, school repairs were postponed as well as other educational opportunities delayed. The transportation budget was used to help schools survive. The education community does not want to move in this direction again. The Gannon Court Case decision very well could be an issue as well.

Kansas is a very proud state of roads, social programs, education, state hospitals etc. Passing this style of taxation could put many of these areas in jeopardy. Please think about what you are planning to do and look to the future of Kansas with this bill.

USA-Kansas stands neutral to HB2061.