



**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 79
Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs**

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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 79, a bill that would establish authority for counties to impose an “earnings tax” or income tax for county residents.

We truly hope that this body realizes how terrible of a policy decision it would be to tax Kansas residents at the county level on income earned while the legislature considers reducing the tax burden on Kansans.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 79, and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.