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Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation,

I write to you today on behalf of the members of the Kansas Local Area I Workforce Development Board, operating under the name Kansas WorkforceONE, and the Chief Elected Officials Board, collectively serving the 62 counties in central and western Kansas. It is with grave concern that we express our adamant opposition to Senate Bill 468.

Senate Bill 468, if enacted, would have a devastating impact on the communities we serve. This legislation threatens to impede the efforts of communities striving to maintain viable businesses and hinder their ability to foster growth. It is crucial for this esteemed governing body to recognize that the officials responsible for approving incentives aimed at promoting growth in their respective communities have been duly elected and entrusted by their constituents to make decisions in the best interest of their communities.

Moreover, we stand united with our economic development partners, represented by the Western Kansas Regional Economic Development Alliance, in opposition to Senate Bill 468. We believe that this legislation has the potential to exacerbate the divide between rural and urban communities, further marginalizing rural areas that are integral to our state's economy.

The consequences of Senate Bill 468 extend beyond mere economic implications. It threatens to undermine the very fabric of our communities and compromise the well-being of the individuals and families we serve. As stewards of the prosperity and vitality of our region, we implore you to carefully consider the far-reaching ramifications of this legislation.

In closing, we urge you to oppose Senate Bill 468 and instead support initiatives that foster collaboration, promote economic growth, and ensure the prosperity of all communities across our great state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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