



February 10, 2025

Chairman Smith & Members of the House Taxation Committee:

I am writing to offer my support for HB 2208 which establishes the endow Kansas tax credit act to provide tax credits for endowment gifts to certain endowment funds held by qualified community foundation.

The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) is a nonprofit organization based in Wichita, but statewide in its focus. We work each day to pursue three major goals: to empower Kansas to lead the nation in health; to eliminate the inequities that lead to major health disparities; and to be the model of philanthropic impact. To achieve these aims, KHF uses a wide range of strategies, including grantmaking, policy efforts, impact investing and strategic communication.

We know that tax credits help incentivize giving; thus, HB 2208 will help foundations across the state maximize the impact of private funds and encourage charitable contributions in their communities on issues and initiatives important to them. We know the powerful impact of investing in our communities—not just financially but for the social, civic, and physical health of our communities and neighbors. For KHF, we believe HB 2208 can help us in pursuing our three major goals as we work to lead the nation in health.

Thank you for your service to Kansas and your communities. We believe HB 2208 is a great tool to help strengthen and empower our communities through generosity and leadership at the local level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed O'Malley", is positioned above the printed name.

Ed O'Malley
President & CEO