



Testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill 283
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
March 5, 2025

Chairperson Tyson and honorable members of the committee,

On behalf of the Kansas Economic Development Alliance (KEDA) I am here today to speak in opposition to Senate Bill 283.

KEDA is comprised of over 120 economic development professionals and organizations from across the state of Kansas. KEDA members work for our communities with the goal of economic development and community growth that allows both our communities and state to prosper.

Those of us working in economic development understand that to achieve economic and community growth it is important to have the proper environment and the economic tools that can assist and encourage existing companies to grow and impact our local economy. Likewise, for our state to continue to be an attractive location for new companies to establish and expand operations that same sort of toolbox is necessary to address the variety of challenges that a company may face as they make investment decisions in what is a very competitive marketplace, both here in the US and around the world.

A positive business climate is also a key factor in the business decision by a company to expand or establish operations in our state. I encourage the legislature and our local communities to continue to review and address those issues and factors that negatively affect our business environment and reduce our opportunities to prosper. The elimination of a wide variety of incentive and assistance programs which have been key to the success of our Kansas economy does not move us in the direction of even greater or continued success.

We ask that you not pursue the path contemplated by Senate Bill 283 but continue to collaborate with us in economic development and in communities around Kansas to move the state forward on a path to greater economic prosperity.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and for your service to our state.

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