



SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4
PROPONENT TESTIMONY SB52

Chairman Alley and Committee Members, the Greater Topeka Chamber represents the voice of over 1,200 business members and is the lobbying arm for entities within the Greater Topeka Partnership. Today we write in support of the SB52, Kansas Film & Tax Credit, which ensures we remain competitive in tourism for our state.

As you are aware, the Kansas film tax incentive is an economic development program. It ensures Kansas is competitive for film and media production translating to millions of dollars of spending in our state, jobs and workforce development in an expanding field, and the promotion of tourism.

As we look at opportunities for our state to match its competitiveness in the region, we notice that surrounding states all have some offering to attract the film industry. From transferable credits, to grants, and rebates – our Midwest neighbors have an advantage to be selected by projects purely from this alone.

Visit Topeka, the tourism entity for Topeka and Shawnee County, encourages you once again to vote to pass SB52 as in the past it has made it through both chambers. So much work has been done on this measure to get it to where it is today, and we are optimistic this will be another resource we can leverage in the future.

Respectfully submitted by:

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The Greater Topeka Chamber speaks on behalf of Visit Topeka in legislative matters.