

While we support tax cuts for Kansans, our one hesitation with this plan is such a significant personal exemption of \$22,000 (married filing jointly) will make it difficult to lower the single income tax rate to an economically competitive position like our surrounding states. This would also give Kansas the second largest personal exemption in the country (Connecticut is \$24,000). Tack on our 8th highest sales tax rate and some of the highest property taxes in the country, the 3-legged stool is pretty tall.

In conclusion, we do applaud continued discussion on lowering taxes for Kansans, but we must not lose sight of the end goal- making Kansas more attractive for investment to improve economic growth. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 539, and I'm happy to answer questions at the appropriate time.