

March 12, 2024

The Hon. Sen. Caryn Tyson and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St., Room 548-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Senator Tyson and Committee Members:

My apologies for the late submission. I just found out last night about this rescheduled hearing, and the fiscal note wasn't attached to the bill, so I received it from Mr. Gauntt just a little bit ago (I emailed him at 7 pm last night requesting to see it.) It's very frustrating that it wasn't available to read online last night, because I do have questions I wanted to ask Sen. Tyson, and I'm deprived of that opportunity. I realize that this is probably an oversight, but it still affects my ability to have a say in my government and my state, both of which I deeply love.

I am extremely concerned about the flat tax. Our combined gross income (I'm on disability, my husband works full time), was \$52,000 last year. 5.25% of my yearly income is \$2750! In real dollars, that's approximately **\$230 less per month (!)** that we have to spend on groceries, or gas for our cars, or for oil changes. It's hard enough that we both have health issues that require frequent doctors' visits and medications, both with significant copays. That additional \$230 each month will make a huge difference in our daily lives.

To someone (or a couple) who makes \$100,000 per year, that same flat tax amounts to \$5250 per year (or \$437 per month). That \$437 WILL NOT impact those higher wage earners the same way it will impact my husband and me.

I respectfully request that you do not vote this bill through. My husband and I, and many others, will personally suffer if you do.

Sincerely,
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