

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION TUESDAY, MARCH 19 OPPONENT VERBAL TESTIMONY SB546

Madam Chair and Members of The Committee:

The Greater Topeka Chamber represents the voice of over 1,000 business members, and today we write to express our concern with SB546.

While we understand the need for tax relief, we feel that the approach this measure takes would be detrimental to the growth of our capital city. A priority in our legislative agenda this year is to support fiscally responsible tax policy that encourages business growth and is competitive with surrounding states.

To that end, we feel strongly that APEX, HPIP and a favorable tax policy can coexist. Mechanisms with proven positive impacts in our community spur economic growth and wealth for everyone. I implore the committee to not move SB546 forward.

Respectfully submitted by:

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