HB 2306 Opponent Testimony – Written Only House Committee Taxation Providing a sales tax exemption for purchases made by Kansas suicide prevention HQ, inc. Michael Austin – Legislative Director, Americans for Prosperity Kansas



Chair Smith and Members of the Committee,

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We appreciate this opportunity to submit written opponent testimony for HB 2306, which provides a sales tax exemption for purchases made by Kansas suicide prevention HQ, inc.. We hold the following position on HB 2306:

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If a legislative body passes a law, there shouldn't be any exceptions to that law without some compelling reason. HB 2306 has no compelling reason. HB 2306 benefits select Kansas taxpayers at the expense of everyone else. The hyper-targeting of this credit is particularly troublesome. Tax credits are designed with the possibility they are available to anyone. HB 2306 is limited to those who on the behalf of suicide prevention HQ inc are making purchases. HB 2306 is not good tax policy.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to reject HB 2306 in its current form.