

HB 2229 Opponent Testimony – Written Only
Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Providing a deduction from sales or compensating use tax when selling and buying different motor vehicles within 180 days.
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Chair Tyson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written opponent testimony for HB 2229, which Providing a deduction from sales or compensating use tax when selling and buying different motor vehicles within 180 days. We hold the following position on HB 2229:

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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 2229 has no compelling reason. HB 2229 benefits select Kansas taxpayers at the expense of everyone else. The hyper-targeting of this deduction is particularly troublesome. Tax expenditures are designed with the possibility they are available to anyone. HB 2229 is limited to those who buy and sell different motor vehicles within 180 days. HB 2229 is not good tax policy.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to reject HB 2229 in its current form.