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Madam Chair and Committee,

Thank you for allowing my testimony in support of SB 539.

SB 539 offers a balanced tax relief package that helps every Kansan. The bill also addresses concerns with the last few tax bills that have failed to receive the votes to override the Governor's vetoes. I believe this tax package will earn the support needed to give Kansans a long awaited tax cut.

A main concern with previous tax bills centered on the belief that the majority of the tax relief went to the top earners. SB 539 addresses this concern with the increase in the personal exemptions and keeping the tax rate high. These changes direct the majority of the income tax relief to the lower and middle income earners. I believe this change and other changes in SB 539 prudently address most of the concerns of Legislators while still offering a great blend of tax cuts to Kansans.

Thanks for the hearing on this bill and for your continual effort to give Kansans a tax cut.

Respectfully,

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