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Chair Tyson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on future Kansas tax policy. The Kansas Center for Economic Growth (KCEG) is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting balanced budget and tax policies that help ensure all Kansans prosper. On behalf of all Kansans, we urge the committee to consider a comprehensive, sustainable solution to re-balance Kansas tax policy.

We are testifying as neutral on SB 214 because we believe that while restoration of medical deductions is important, comprehensive tax reform that closes our present budget shortfall is necessary first to correct the structural imbalance in the Kansas budget. Restoring medical deductions is important because many credits and deductions that benefit hardworking Kansas families were eliminated after the 2012 tax plan went into effect. **However, we believe that restoring these medical deductions should be done as a part of a comprehensive tax reform package.**

We encourage the committee to hold out for a solution that includes not only the fiscal policy pieces necessary to create a comprehensive tax reform package, but also one that closes the budget gap and takes into account the recent Supreme Court ruling on adequate funding for public education. Please do not let this crisis linger another year. Closing the entire gap now is the only way to get Kansas back on a path toward prosperity.