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**In vetoing corporate tax bill, Gov. Kelly looks to the future of Kansas**

Topeka, KS -- Emily Fetsch, Director of Policy and Research at the Kansas Center for Economic Growth project, released the following statement after the veto of HB 2033.

"Gov. Laura Kelly was looking out for Kansans with her veto of HB 2033, a bill that yet again threatened to experiment with our state's tax structure.

"The plan would reduce state revenue by hundreds of millions of dollars at precisely the time that we're working to restore services after years of cuts and disinvestment. We need only look at the recent cancellation of no-bid contracts with the Department of Revenue to see how state government was previously mismanaged.

"Repairing Kansas will take time and effort. Changes to our tax structure may ultimately play a role in that repair, but they should be considered, planned, and implemented with caution. We cannot afford to lose ground, especially not by prioritizing corporations over people.

"The Kansas Center for Economic Growth urges lawmakers in the Kansas House and Senate to sustain the governor's veto. There is much they can do to strengthen our state -- expanding Medicaid and sustaining investments in education, for instance -- that doesn't involve slashing revenue.

"We look forward to working with legislators from both parties, the governor, and the public to move toward a balanced, responsible tax system that invests in our shared priorities."

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