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Testimony Before the House Taxation Committee

SB 303-Written Only

By Jason Parker, Chair of Olathe Chamber Business to Government Committee

Chairman Johnson and members of the Committee:

The Olathe Chamber of Commerce is the largest chamber in Johnson County and the second largest chamber in the Kansas City area. Comprised of 1,300 members and growing, it was the first chamber in the state to receive 5-Star Accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce - a designation obtained by less than 1 percent of the nation's chambers. Its mission is to be the voice of business that advances the economic well-being and quality of life in Olathe.

We support SB 303 and the expensing provisions as it would benefit many of our members. The expensing deduction was enacted in Kansas in 2011 and was originally effective for tax year 2012. However, the 2012 tax cuts containing the non-wage business income repeal, eliminated the need for the individual income tax payer to claim this expensing deduction. It has been subsequently repealed with the 2017 tax legislation. After the tax on non-wage business income was restored the Legislature did not restore these expensing provision for individual tax payers despite it being available to corporations who pay income tax and financial or institution privilege tax.

Our chamber members support SB 303 because it brings taxing parity to the business taxpayers. We encourage you to remedy the disparities and support the passage of SB 303. Our business members believe Kansas businesses should operate on a predictable, level playing field.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support at jason.parker.u844@statefarm.com or our lobbyist Natalie Bright at natalie@brightcarpenter.com.