HB 2381 Opponent Testimony – Written Only
House Committee on Taxation
Increase in motor fuel taxes
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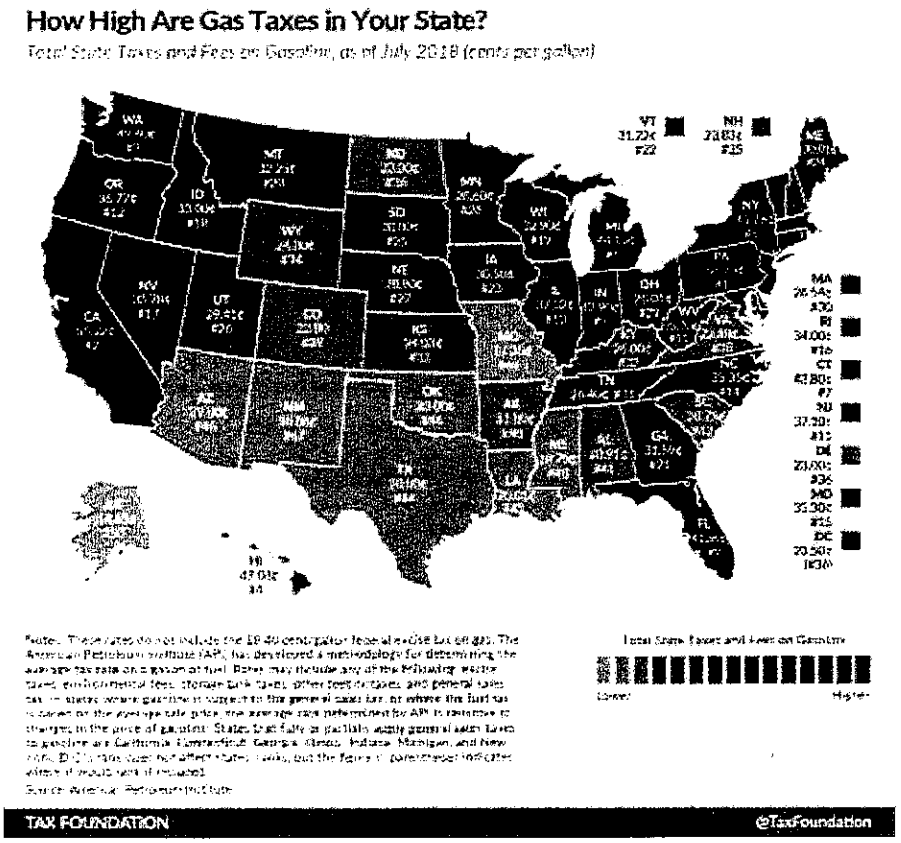
Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2381, which increases motor fuel taxes by $0.06.



Kansas has the 33rd highest gas taxes in the country, and HB 2381 will serve to increase that ranking. With Missouri only taxing roughly 17 cents per gallon, HB 2381 risks encouraging more Kansas families and business to cross state lines to fill up. In addition, the Wyandotte and Johnson County are specialized in transportation and warehousing industries, with a strong share of trucking and intermodal facilities. Raising the gas tax increases the chance such facilities leave Kansas.

In addition, there are other ways to grow the funds in the state highway fund without resorting to motor fuels tax increases. Policymakers can simply limit the amount of funds transferred to the general fund from the highway fund.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to REJECT HB 2381 for passage.