

HB 2499 Opponent Testimony – Written Only
House Committee on Taxation
Credit for Using Alternative-Fuel Fueling Stations
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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Kansas Policy Institute, we appreciate this opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 2499. This provides a tax credit equal to 75% of expenditures incurred for using a qualified alternative-fuel fueling station. We hold the following positions on HB 2499.

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If a legislative body passes a law, there shouldn't be any exceptions to that law without some compelling reason. HB 2499 has no compelling reason. In fact, HB 2499 benefits select Kansas taxpayers at the expense of everyone else. The hyper-targeting of this credit is particularly troublesome. Credits should be designed with the possibility they could be available to anyone (charitable contribution, small business credit, etc.). HB 2499 is limited to those who participated who have an electric car and used an alternative-fuel fueling station. HB 2499 is not good tax policy.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to reject HB 2427 in its current form.