

State of Kansas



**Speaker Mike O'Neal**  
Kansas House of Representatives

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2454**  
**March 15, 2012**

Chairwoman McGinn and members of the Committee, I'm pleased to offer support of HB 2454, an act concerning Income tax check-off; Kansas arts commission check-off fund.

HB2452 would provide a check-off for the Kansas Arts Commission on the Kansas income tax form. If Kansas taxpayers wish to donate private money in addition to their tax liability or from a designated refund they will have the ability to give the money to the arts commission in increments of \$1, \$5, \$10 or a specified amount by the donor. All funds donated through the check-off will fund the Kansas Arts Commission and will count as state funding for the purpose of any available federal matching funds.

Last year the Governor vetoed state funding of the Kansas Arts Commission. By providing this check-off the arts commission will have a positive source of receiving donations to support the arts.

Currently the Kansas income tax form has four check-off programs: Chickadee check-off, Senior Citizen Meals on Wheels Contribution Program, Breast Cancer Research Fund and Military emergency Relief Fund. The addition of

the arts check-off to the tax form has been discussed with and signed-off by the  
Kansas Department of Revenue.