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**Testimony on SB239 & SB240**  
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**Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee**  
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Good morning Chairman Donovan and members of the Committee. My name is Dan Murray and I am pleased to be here on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). The NFIB is the state's leading small business advocacy organization representing nearly 4,000 small business owners across Kansas.

I am here today to testify in strong support of the policy aim contained in SB239 and SB240, both of which seek to create a flatter, fairer and simpler tax code that lowers the rates as much as possible. Specifically, our members are very supportive of the proposal in each bill to reduce and eliminate the corporate income tax burden on businesses. Our members have not taken a position on the notion of eliminating or reducing business tax credits or incentive programs.

For small businesses, high tax rates, tax complexity and uncertainty are an impediment to growing their business. The proposal to eliminate and/or reduce corporate income taxes will help many small businesses keep more of their own hard-earned money. These businesses will use this extra income to reinvest in their business.

The eliminated income tax will free up resources for small businesses to make new capital investments, hire new employees and increase wages and benefits. Further, the eventual elimination of the corporate income tax will reduce the tax compliance burden, which will reduce time spent on taxes and ease hefty expenditures on accountant costs.

High tax rates mean less money that small business owners have to reinvest back into their businesses. Quite frankly, small businesses know how to allocate their resources more effectively and efficiently than does government. Our members believe the principles of income tax elimination and reduction offered in SB239 & SB240 are a positive step towards injecting money into the small business sector—the true engine of job creation and capital investment.

Small businesses are essential to the long-term health and growth of the Kansas economy. The legislature must make sound, but swift change to our tax policy to ease the income tax burden on small businesses. The time for change is now.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comments.

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