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Members of the House Committee on Taxation:

Hello, my company is Padron Automotive LLC and we provide vehicle repair for Topeka KS. We range from a variety of services such as oil changes, complete computer diagnostics, steering/suspension, brakes, belts hoses as well as full engine and transmission repair. To simplify it, we do everything related to your car besides paint and body work.

We opened our company in June of 2014 with the goal of providing superior customer service and repair to our surrounding area. Since then we have had the opportunity to service thousands of Kansans as well as many who travel through our great state. We have employed several employees over the years and currently employ a hard working single father of two. I myself am a husband to a hard working Kansas woman who has shared the struggles of small business with me. We are parents to our two precious girls and work hard every day to provide for them and their future.

Our future, and its success, is deeply rooted in our business. I love to work and love the work we do. As a young small business owner, I take great pride in the next generation of entrepreneurs that will help lay the platform for small business in our state. Never would I have thought the amount of work it takes to own and operate a small business, especially one such as ours. An average work week consist of no less than sixty hours of work each week and usually exceeds that on a weekly basis. That being said, any chance we can catch a break we gladly accept it.

Owning and operating a small business can be challenging especially when it comes to finances. Some months it feels we are barely hanging on by a thread. That is why we at Padron Automotive LLC oppose House Bill 2023.

The 2012 tax cuts afforded to our business have been used in many areas where we can attribute growth to this business. We were able to hire almost immediately after opening, and pay for essential equipment needed for the success of a full service repair shop. There has been times were we may not have made it, if we had to worry about paying additional taxes. We currently are in the process of looking to hire a second full time employee which is a huge cost and once hired will cost even more. We will not be able to afford doing so if House Bill 2023 is passed.

Additionally, we have reached a point in our business were the books balance out at the end of the year, taking a hit with additional taxes being required may set us back or potentially force us to close our doors which is why we at Padron Automotive LLC oppose the House Bill 2023.

I would like to close by thanking the members of the House Committee on Taxation for affording me the opportunity to testify on behalf of small business in Kansas who oppose the

House Bill 2023, and to also speak to you on behalf of a young entrepreneur, a husband, a father and someone who just wants to make it in business and knows we need the support of our law makers to do so. I thank you for your time and may God Bless you all, our great state and our great nation.