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## Fact of the Day #2: Just Which Sector of the Economy is Sen. John Vratil Willing to Cripple?

Last spring, State Sen. John Vratil (S-11) voted to raid the pocketbooks of hard-working families in Kansas by raising income, sales, and property taxes.

**Had those tax increases become law, many sectors of the state economy would have been devastated.**

### What did Sen. Vratil Support?

- **Raising the income tax** – Most small businesses pay the personal income tax rate. Since small businesses *create 75% of all new jobs*, and hire disproportionately poorer and minority workers, **higher income taxes would threaten job creation**
- **Raising sales taxes** – raises the cost of living for all Kansas families.
- **Raising property taxes** – increases costs for farmers, ranchers, small businesses that require expensive land or plant assets to do business (manufacturing, meatpacking, warehousing, car dealerships, etc.), in addition to families

Sen. Vratil has refused to make a written commitment to defend taxpayers by signing the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Taken by President Bush, 42 U.S. Senators, 217 Congressmen, 8 governors, and over 1290 state legislators – including 26 from Kansas – the Pledge commits an official to **“oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”**

## Why does Sen. Vratil want to destroy jobs in Kansas?

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