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LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

Reject House Bill 2711

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As the discussion over the energy bill heats up, proponents of House Bill 2711 will tell you that this bill will result in future economic development for Kansas. Unfortunately, this bill also calls for a costly tax increase- the carbon tax.

Pressure to accept this bill will build as the week continues. Be wary of the energy package- proponents may attempt to fast-track this bill and ask you to brush aside several elements to focus on bringing new development to the state. Casting aside concerns about the burdensome regulation and the tax increase laid out in this bill could prove to be a very costly move.

In addition to calling for a tax increase, this bill is also bad policy for Kansas. If passed, it would also increase the burden on taxpayers in other ways by:

- Grossly expanding government power
- Allowing government to pick winners and losers in the market
- Creating new *statutory* regulations that are extremely costly to implement

Not only would the carbon tax be a disservice to your constituents and potentially do irreparable harm to the state economy, it would also set a horrible precedent.

While proponents of this bill may promise that the state would receive no additional revenue under the current emissions threshold, there is no guarantee that the threshold will not be lowered in future legislative sessions, opening the floodgates for taxpayer dollars to rush into state coffers. This bill would set taxpayers in Kansas up for a future tax hike.

A vote for this bill would be a vote for greater regulation and higher taxes.

Stand on principle- Reject HB 2711!