

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

# Kristey Williams

Phone: 785-296-3971  
During the Legislative Session Only

Email: kristey.williams@house.ks.gov



Dear 77<sup>th</sup> District Constituent,

The 2023 session included some significant triumphs including the House overriding 13 of the Governor’s vetoes. I voted in favor of common-sense policies that represent our values of life and liberty. Within those successes, we passed welfare reform to encourage greater workforce participation and created crimes for human smuggling which continues to find its way into our State. Though the Governor vetoed two important tax bills, SB 8 and SB 169, we are dedicated in the pursuit for across-the-board tax relief for Kansans. It is shocking the Governor would veto bills that included reductions in property, sales, and income tax including tax savings for disabled veterans and for those receiving social security payments. Last year we passed the APEX bill to attract the Panasonic corporation yet this year the Governor halts tax relief for the average Kansas citizen. Next session, **this will be priority #1 -- veto-proof tax relief**. Thank you for the privilege of working on your behalf for commonsense Kansas solutions! Please stay in touch!



Kristey Williams and her family.



Kristey Williams  
506 Stone Lake Ct. Augusta, KS 67010  
\*\*\*\*\*



Serving the 77<sup>th</sup>,

Rep. Kristey Williams

## 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION SURVEY

Please take a few moments to answer the six survey questions below. After completing the survey, please email your comments or add a stamp and drop it in the mail. Your opinion is appreciated!

Sign up for future legislative updates!

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

- Which area of tax relief would have the most significant impact on your quality of life?  Sales  Income  Property
- Identify each freedom below as HIGH concern or as LOW concern:
  - HIGH  LOW Financial restrictions through growing woke ESG (Environmental Social Governance) policies
  - HIGH  LOW First amendment rights related to free speech, coercion of thought, and religious expression
  - HIGH  LOW Healthcare freedom – the right to make decisions for your individual body
  - HIGH  LOW Protecting the most vulnerable in our society, including the unborn
  - HIGH  LOW Protecting women in competition and providing safe spaces (e.g. women’s shelters, bathrooms, locker rooms, prisons)
  - HIGH  LOW Calling a Convention of States under Article V to address federal issues
- In K-12 education, identify which you support with a YES or NO.
  - YES  NO Parents should have the ability to direct the education of their child by opting out of instruction that is contrary to their deeply held beliefs.
  - YES  NO When students are not performing at grade level, parents should be allowed to use a small portion of education tax dollars to secure an alternative education that meets the unique needs of their child.
  - YES  NO Should public schools provide transparency through adding board-adopted curriculums in an easily identifiable location on district websites?
  - YES  NO For over \$9.2 billion in annual all-funds to Kansas K-12 schools, should the Legislature maintain accountability on the use of those funds, including showing improvement in student achievement with the maintenance of increased funds?
- What should be the top priorities in the Kansas Legislature? List from highest priority (5) to lowest priority (1).
  - \_\_\_ Ensuring Kansas has a ready workforce with improved K-12 education outcomes     \_\_\_ Maintaining a commitment to transportation funding
  - \_\_\_ Protecting personal and economic freedoms     \_\_\_ Reducing taxes and spending
  - \_\_\_ Reducing regulations and restructuring taxes that restrict investment, risk, and overall economic growth in our State.
- Are you in favor of Medicaid expansion?  YES  NO  UNSURE
- Are you in favor of policies that incentivize more Kansans to work?  YES  NO  UNSURE



# 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION RECAP

## THREE IMPORTANT TOPICS

### **TAXES:** *Voting for Tax Relief, Governor Kelly vetoes*

It's your money, so I enthusiastically supported sending approximately \$1.4 billion in tax relief over three years back to the taxpayers of Kansas. The plan vetoed by the Governor created one simplified tax bracket (5.15%), expanded social security income exemptions while eliminating the 'cliff', accelerated ending the food sales tax, and increased the residential property tax exemption on the first \$60,000 of property. The plan was comprehensive with reductions on income, sales, and property tax. It included structural tax reform that supported Kansans during a period of high inflation and economic uncertainty. Having SB 169 become null and void with a stroke of the Governor's pen certainly makes life tougher for average Kansans.

### **FREEDOMS:** *Defending Your Rights & Liberties*

The Kansas House overrode 13 of the Governor's vetoes with 7 also being overridden in the Senate. Among those overrides were two pro-life bills: "the Woman's Right to Know" and "Born Alive" bills. In addition, an ESG (environmental, social, governance) bill now bars state and local governments from giving preference to businesses employing environmental, social and corporate governance principles in their investing decisions. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment front, the Legislature eliminated the \$100 state permit fee to further support this fundamental freedom. Finally, the Legislature overrode Governor Kelly's vetoes of the Women's Bill of Rights, which defines biological females and males and creates safe spaces for women, as well as overrode the Governor's veto of Fairness in Girls' Sports.

### **EDUCATION:** *Putting Students First in Constitutional Education Funding & Policies*

With the passage of an education funding and policy package, SB 113, the Legislature has advanced full Constitutional funding, including special education with a \$7.5 million increase. The bill creates a special education funding task force to make funding recommendations. The bill also provides greater opportunities to parents and students. One of those provisions allows all Kansas students, regardless of where the student attends school, to participate in KSHSAA-sanctioned activities within the student's resident school district. All students will have the same criteria for participation, but for the first time in Kansas history -- no child will be automatically excluded from activities such as athletics, debate, and band. Ensuring all students have access to the best education for their needs remains our Legislative commitment, as well as improving student achievement and further school accountability and transparency.

Representative Kristey Williams  
506 Stone Lake Ct.  
Augusta, KS 67010

---

---

---

PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE