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**FORMER LEGISLATORS DENOUNCE IRRESPONSIBLE, RECKLESS ACTION BY  
SPEAKER, RADICAL REPUBLICANS IN THE HOUSE**

Traditional Republicans Demand Answers

TOPEKA—Today, over 55 former legislators from across Kansas came together to denounces the reckless actions by Speaker Mike O’Neal and the Kansas House. The group, known as Traditional Republicans for Common Sense, demands answers from lawmakers for supporting the Administration’s tax bill, Senate Substitute for House Bill 2117, that will jeopardize the state’s long-term economic success.

“Rarely do voters get an opportunity to see such a spectacular failure of leadership by their elected officials,” said former Assistant Majority Leader and State Chair of the Republican Party Rep. Rochelle Chronister. “Never before, in the history of our state, have we seen such reckless financial policy being made. One thing is clear, hardworking Kansans lost today. And, our children lost today.”

Chronister went on to say, “it is hard to overstate the impact of what occurred today in the House. If Governor Brownback allows this to become law, in just a few years, nearly half of the State General Fund will need to be cut. To be clear, the state will go bankrupt, property and sales taxes will increase and critical services will be eliminated.”

The Kansas State General Fund is approximately \$6 billion. According to the Kansas Legislative Research Department, the legislation passed by the House today will create a \$362.5 million deficit in 2014, climbing to \$2.739 billion by 2018.

“Kansans deserve a tax structure that is responsible, pro-growth and competitive,” said Chronister. “We cannot afford these irresponsible financial policies that deficit spend and run up the tax bill on future generations. It doesn’t work for Washington and it shouldn’t work here.”

For more information about Traditional Republicans for Common Sense, please visit [www.kscommonsense.com](http://www.kscommonsense.com).

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