

Kansans for Government Reform

Budget Transparency Pledge

For State Officials and Candidates

I, _____, pledge to Kansas taxpayers that I will:

ONE: Support and, if necessary, propose legislation that will require state agencies and local governments to develop itemized, searchable, and online databases listing their expenditures. These databases will provide comprehensive information to taxpayers without fees. Reasonable efforts will be made to apply this legislation to all government entities, regardless of size; and

TWO: With regard to state agencies and local government bodies:

Support reasonable efforts to enforce and, if necessary, strengthen the Kansas Open Meetings Act (KOMA). I will support laws that prohibit these agencies and local government bodies from engaging in detailed budget discussions during meetings that are both closed to the public and involve a majority of the elected or appointed government officials. I will oppose the use of “personnel exemptions” within the Kansas Open Meetings Act to attempt to allow detailed, budget-related discussions to occur during closed meetings. I will also oppose the intentional use of closed “serial meetings” (ex: person 1 talks to person 2, person 2 talks to person 3...) to relay detailed, budget-related information to a majority of elected officials.

Name (print)

Title of office and local government

Signature

Date

The Budget Transparency Pledge is a project of Kansans for Reform of State and Local Government (“Kansans for Government Reform”) Political Action Committee. The list of signers will be recorded at www.JohnsonCountyReform.com.

Optional: Comments from the official or candidate