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To: House Taxation Committee
From: Mark Tomb, VP of Governmental Affairs
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Re: Written-Only Testimony in Support of HB 2232

On behalf of the Kansas Association of REALTORS® (KAR), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2232, which would grant the Director of Property Valuation the authority to develop qualifying courses for county appraisers to be registered mass appraisers.

KAR represents over 11,000 members involved in residential, commercial, and agricultural real estate and has advocated on behalf of the state's property owners for more than 100 years. REALTORS® serve an important role in the state's economy and are dedicated to working with our elected officials to create better communities by supporting economic development, a high quality of life and providing affordable housing opportunities while protecting the rights of private property owners.

Continuing education is essential for county appraisers to maintain their status as registered mass appraisers. As the real estate industry and related technologies continue to evolve at an ever-increasing rate, it is of the utmost importance that county appraisers stay up-to-date on the latest developments and best practices. Furthermore, continuing education not only ensures appraisers have the knowledge and skills to evaluate properties on a mass scale, but also enables them to better understand changing market conditions as well as regulatory requirements.

This bill would ensure the delivery of courses containing appropriate learning objectives to those county appraisers striving to gain the registered mass appraiser status. The technical knowledge and industry expertise housed within the Division of Property Valuation would increase the technical capacity to review these courses. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2232. KAR requests that the Committee act favorably on HB 2232.