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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 2201

On behalf of the Kansas Association of REALTORS® (KAR), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2201, which would require prior year tax information to be included on the classification and appraised valuation notice.

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.

The 2023 KAR Legislative Policy Statement provides:

REALTORS® support legislation that gives citizens a greater voice in the decisions impacting their tax burden as well as making the property tax system more honest, transparent and accountable.

House Bill 2201 would require displaying the current tax year appraisal and classification of property identified on the parcel, in addition to the appraisal and classification of the property from the four tax previous years. This bill will make it easier for Kansans to carefully examine the current and previous appraisals of their property and will promote greater transparency in property appraisals.

In conclusion, KAR supports efforts to provide greater transparency in the property tax system, and efforts to give citizens a greater voice in decisions impacting their tax burden like the measures present in HB 2201. Thank you for your time and consideration of our testimony.