

March 10, 2023

Kansas Legislature

House Taxation Committee

Re: HCR 5009 & HB 2365 on Property Tax Valuation

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my concern about the continued raising of my home's property tax value. I am 64 years old, and although I am still working, I would like to retire at some point, and still be able to keep my home. However, this is appearing increasingly difficult. Over the past years, since 2014, my property tax bill has gone from \$2,240 to \$3,009 in 2022, an increase of \$769, or 34%. My appraised value has risen from \$151,900 in 2014 to \$240,600 in 2023, an increase of \$88,700 or 58%!! I can't even imagine what my new tax bill will be in dollars... but I am struggling to afford it right now.

My house is now 29 years old, with a total of 1,475 square feet. I would be delighted if I could SELL it for \$240,600! I don't think my tax appraisal should represent a highly inflated, wishful-thinking value of my home!

Kansas is currently ranking, according to Rocket Mortgage, #37 in highest property taxes, coming in at an average of 1.41%, while Pennsylvania is at 1.58%, and New York is at 1.72%, only a few 10ths of a percentage higher. This doesn't seem to make any sense.

Please help us poor homeowners stay in our homes!! I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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