



# SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN"

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March 17, 2023

To: Members of the Committee on Taxation

From: Luke Mickelson, Founder & Executive Director Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Re: Testimony in support of HB 2203

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501c-3 non-profit organization whose volunteers work to build and deliver handmade beds to children sleeping on the floor or in other uncomfortable situations. What started as a Christmastime project in a garage in Twin Falls, ID in 2012 has grown to a nationwide organization with 326 chapters having delivered over 120,000 beds.

Currently, there are 3 chapters of Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Kansas, one in Atchison at Benedictine College (founded 2018), one in Gardner which serves the southern part of the KC metro (also founded in 2018) and one in Sedgwick County founded in 2022. We received an application this month to form a new chapter in Topeka.

SHP estimates that 1-3% of the population is kids without a comfortable place to sleep. In Kansas, with a population of close to 3 million, that means there are 30,000-90,000 kids who need help.

As SHP continues to grow and expand, securing a sales tax exemption in the state of Kansas will help us to be able to get more kids off the floor and into a comfortable bed. Our organization paid an estimated \$2,515 in sales tax in Kansas in 2022, mainly on lumber and bedding supplies for the beds that go to the kids in need. We have secured exemptions in Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. I hope the legislature will pass this bill to assist us in our efforts to ensure no Kansas children need to sleep on the floor. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Luke Mickelson, Founder & Executive Director

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### INTRODUCTION

Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and our mission statement is:

**"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!"**

**Providing beds for children  
without a comfortable place to sleep.**

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### SHP HISTORY

SHP started in 2012 in a garage in Twin Falls, Idaho.



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### SHP HISTORY – THE FIRST DELIVERY

The first delivery was a memorable one.

This is where a service project turned into the beginnings of a non-profit organization called Sleep in Heavenly Peace.



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## MEETING OUR MISSION

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### NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN

We take our mission very seriously.

Securing a sales tax exemption in Kansas will help us to transform the lives of more children.



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