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My name is Angie Mendoza. I'm the CEO of Mennonite Housing. Mennonite Housing develops affordable housing across the state of Kansas for low-income families.

Proposed House Bill 2119 eliminates the state's affordable housing tax credit program after June 30, 2025. This bill would be devastating to our efforts to create affordable housing in Kansas. We have already gone through an arduous application process to receive tax credits and have been awarded those tax credits for multiple projects. In addition, we are currently working on three projects that will go into that application process in three short months. We have already been doing due diligence on those projects for a year. House Bill No. 2119 would jeopardize those projects, and by extension Mennonite Housing.

Currently, we have two projects already under construction which have received a credit allocation but are unable to meet an arbitrary competition deadline of June 30, 2025. This puts developers, investors, contractors, suppliers and other small businesses at financial risk that are involved in the project. Here is a breakdown of the state tax credit funding these projects:

Abilene Terrace – Abilene, Kansas. 32 unit project for seniors – Total project cost \$8 million dollars – State Tax Credit - \$3.8 million dollars

Orchard Ridge – Hillsboro, Kansas. 24 unit project for workforce housing – Total project cost \$9.1 million dollars – State Tax Credit - \$2.9 million dollars.

We have three projects we will be submitting applications for in May. Here is the breakdown of the state tax credit funding for those projects:

Harvest Pointe II – Newton, Kansas. 44 unit project for seniors – Total project cost \$10.3 million dollars – State Tax Credit - \$3.7 million dollars.

Lancaster Square – Park City, Kansas. 50 unit project for seniors – Total project cost \$13.1 million dollars – State Tax Credit - \$4.4 million dollars.

212 N Market – Wichita, Kansas. 68 unit project – Total project cost \$19.8 million dollars – State Tax Credit - \$4.7 million dollars.

The impact of this bill has is far reaching and would devastate the affordable housing efforts in Kansas. If the bill removes funding from current projects, it could also

devastate the organizations that have been diligently working in the affordable housing space to help low-income families.

I implore you to reconsider this bill. At the very least, please do not remove funding from projects that are already committed and under construction.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Mendoza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angie Mendoza
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