

- To: Representative Adam Smith, Chairman and Members of the House Taxation Committee
- FROM: Martha Smith, Executive Director
- DATE: February 6, 2025
- RE: Proponent HB2074 Homestead Property Tax Refund Act; including homestead renters as eligible to participate in certain homestead property tax refund claims

Chairman Smith and Members of the House Taxation Committee, my name is Martha Smith and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association (KMHA). KMHA is a statewide trade association representing all facets of the manufactured and modular housing industries (manufacturers, retail centers, manufactured home community owners and operators, service and supplier companies, finance and insurance companies and transport companies) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB2074.

The association supports the inclusion of rental dwellings including manufactured and mobile homes as eligible to participate in certain homestead property tax refund claims. Homeowners benefit from property tax relief, but renters indirectly pay property taxes through their rent. Including renters would ensure a more balanced approach to tax relief.

Also, providing tax relief could make renting more stable and attractive, reducing turnover rates and helping maintain community stability.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written comments in support of HB2074.