

Proponent of SCR 1603

Thank you, Senate Taxation Committee, for reading my testimony.

We Kansans are suffering under rising taxes. One of the most attractive reasons for living in Kansas is the relatively low cost of living. However, unhinged property tax increases negate this benefit. We Kansans need tax relief! We citizens are reducing spending because of the economy. We ask that our government represent us and do the same: *cut spending* as necessary to give us some tax relief! This proposed two percent cap of annual increase of real property valuation is a modest effort for much needed property tax relief. Citizens just trying to live peacefully, work hard, and support ourselves *need tax relief*. Those whom you represent are hurt by out-of-control taxes, especially rising taxes on that which we already own. The ability to acquire, keep and sell private property is a basic human right (against theft) and a mark of a free People.

A fairer tax system attracts people to live here, while oppressive taxation influences people to move elsewhere. Please attract more people to our great state by lessening our property tax burden.

Please decide by the consent of the governed, not lobbyists and special interests.

Respectfully,
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