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TO: The Honorable Caryn Tyson
Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

FROM: Elizabeth Smoller, General Counsel
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RE: KAIA is in support of SB 25

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 25.

The Kansas Association of Insurance Agents (KAIA) is a statewide association of independent insurance agents. With approximately 300 member insurance agencies employing more than 2,200 licensed independent insurance agents throughout the state of Kansas, we work closely with the Kansas Department of Insurance (KDOI) on many issues.

KAIA supports SB 25. This bill creates a tax-incentivized mechanism to encourage Kansans to save money towards the cost of insurance premiums and deductibles by providing a tax credit for monies placed in an Insurance Savings Account.

The increasing cost of insurance premiums has been making headlines for several months. Due to a variety of factors including inflation, severe weather events, natural disasters, increased repair and building costs, and rising legal fees. As insurance companies pay out more in claims, they increase their rates and raise premiums to cover their costs.

SB 25 gives individuals as well as corporations the ability to save money that can be used to pay for their property & casualty insurance premiums, as well as deductibles.

We appreciate the effort the KDOI is making to encourage Kansans to save for unexpected costs and giving them a tax-advantage vehicle in which to save that money. KAIA is firmly supportive of SB 25 and we support the committee passing this bill out favorably.

