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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation  
Glenda DuBoise, AARP Kansas  
Support Written - Only Testimony  
House Bill 215

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Chair Tyson and members of the committee,

My name is Glenda DuBoise, state director for AARP Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written – only testimony in support of Senate Bill 215.

AARP is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization representing the interests of Americans age 50-plus and their families. We have approximately 38 million members nationwide. In Kansas, AARP has more than 278,00 members, each of whom is affected by the state's tax policies and program decisions. AARP strongly believes that all individuals have the right to be self-reliant and live with dignity in retirement.

Today, we stand in strong support of Senate Bill 215.

As written, the bill makes changes to the Homestead Property Tax program to exclude social security benefits from household income, increase the household income from \$50 to \$80k and the appraisal value from \$350 to \$595k or less.

When AARP evaluates property tax related legislation, we look to make sure that the property tax relief is equitable, cost-effective, and targeted to homeowners with low and moderate incomes burdened by their property tax bill.

We firmly believe this bill meets these priorities.

AARP Kansas asks for your support of SB 215 and appreciates your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda DuBoise".

Glenda DuBoise  
State Director, AARP Kansas