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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

Chairwoman Tyson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 195, which would establish a legislative task force to assess options for improving the state's property tax system.

Kansas Action for Children fully supports this effort to evaluate the state's property tax system in an effort to make it work better for Kansas taxpayers. We recognize that rapidly rising property values have pinched homeowners and renters, leading to financial difficulty for thousands of residents. We believe that we should never stop looking for ways to make our systems more fair, efficient, and durable and look forward to working with the task force.

We would encourage the task force to consider establishing a robust circuit breaker program that includes renters. Such a program would allow for consolidation of existing property tax relief programs, which would simplify the tax code and deliver targeted relief to taxpayers with the greatest need.

Please contact me at nathan@kac.org if I can be of further assistance.

About Kansas Action for Children

Kansas Action for Children is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to make Kansas a place where every child has the opportunity to grow up healthy and thrive. We work across the political spectrum to improve the lives of Kansas children through bipartisan advocacy, partnership, and information-sharing on key issues, including early learning and education, health, and economic security for families.