

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 195 Mr. Daniel Murray Kansas State Director, National Federation of Independent Business

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Chair and members of the committee, I am pleased to submit written testimony in support of the Senate Bill 195. NFIB Kansas is the leading small business organization in Kansas representing small and independent businesses. A non-profit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB Kansas represents the consensus views of its over 3,600 members throughout the state.

This bill establishes a property tax task force in Kansas to study and recommend improvements to the state's property tax system. The task force will consist of nine members, including leadership from both the Senate and House taxation committees. The task force is charged with reviewing Kansas's property tax system and developing recommendations for making it more efficient and cost-effective.

Senate Bill 195 addresses a chief priority and persistent challenge of small business owners—property tax rates. Reducing Kansans' tax burden is top of mind for small business owners, particularly when it comes to our state's property taxes. Ahead of the Kansas Legislature's 2025 session, state members of the National Federation of Independent Business strongly support property tax cuts, according to NFIB's annual survey. More than eighty-eight percent of NFIB members, who responded to our survey, support reducing property taxes, like the statewide property tax mill levy, local ad valorem rates and other property taxes.

As Main Street continues to grapple with inflation, it's incumbent on lawmakers to make our state's tax code competitive with neighboring states and prioritize economic growth. Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and we respectfully ask you to vote favorably for the passage of this legislation.