

SCR 1616 proponent written testimony

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Subject: Property taxes in Kansas SCR1616

Thank you all for your work on this important issue in our State and communities. I do appreciate all of you.

I have always lived in Kansas, however retiring in Kansas is a very big concern due to the current tax situation on real estate owned (primary residence).

Specifically in Sedgwick County, there is no fairness or equitable explanation as to how and why the county can increase the value of a single home 17% in one year, and 31% over 3 years.

I was very disappointed to not hear our Governor speak to this important topic at her State of the State address.

It seemed like she wanted a pat on the bank for what she had accomplished with the state of "Football" in our state, rather than the unfair valuations of real estate and the fact that Kansas does not have a law in place that would set a maximum amount of increase property taxes on a primary residence can go up each year.

My home valuation/taxes went up 31% in 3 years. I have never tried to contest my property taxes until this year. I felt I had no choice this year. My Sedgwick County valuation went up 17% in 2025 and my local county appraiser could not really explain why, he indicated that my property might be better quality, which is simply ridiculous. Many homes around me that are larger homes are valued less than my home. My home has not been updated, I have made no improvements or additions since it was built 11 years ago. It looks like almost every home in my neighborhood. These EPCON patio homes were built by the same builder, and all are very similar in quality of material and floor plans, except for bedroom size/bathroom count/garage size.

As I have stated in previous emails, my home is located in a section of 80 patio homes and my home was the ONLY property with a 17% increase, others were in the range of 5-7% and some of these 80 patio homes value went down in 2025. Sedgwick county could not explain why. Homes are setting on the market in my neighborhood and not selling, some have been listed over 180 days, and some have been taken off the market. They cannot even sell them for county appraisal value. This is the #1 topic of conversation at every single neighborhood gathering. My neighbors simply cannot afford to stay in their homes. Several of my neighbors that did move in the past 12 months moved to Oklahoma, Arkansas for some tax relief. Really a sad thing.

My house is 9720 W Village Pl, Maize, KS 67101. You can see the Sedgwick County property increases in the last 3 years.

Thank you, Mr. Baty, and to this entire committee for you continued support and concerns for how property tax values are hurting our community and our state.

I appreciate you and all you do.

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