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**Proponent Testimony**

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SB319

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Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 319.

Property taxes, especially in Johnson County, continue to rise. It is very frustrating to pay these increases every year for an unrealized gain. It is only fair to allow those who sell their property at a fair market price the ability to recoup any overpaid taxes via a rebate if the house valuation from the county is higher than the sales price.

SB 319 addresses a fundamental issue of fairness in Kansas property taxation. When a property sells in the open market for a price significantly below the county's appraised value, that sale provides strong evidence that the property may have been overvalued for tax purposes. This bill creates a reasonable and carefully structured mechanism to correct that overvaluation after the fact.

At its core, this bill strengthens confidence in the property tax system by aligning taxation more closely with real market values. It provides relief to homeowners and business owners who have demonstrably paid more than their fair share, without shifting burdens unfairly to others.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to support SB 319.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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