

To: Chairwoman Tyson and Members of the Committee  
From: Emanuel Greenberg  
Date: March 11, 2021  
RE: SB 76 Proponent – Written

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Dorothy Greenberg. She is 100-and-a-half years old and still living in her home of 61 years in Johnson County. As you are aware, home values in Johnson County are among the highest in the state, which has put her in a difficult situation with respect to her property taxes.

Her property taxes have increased every year, and last year saw an increase of over 20%, or more than \$100,000. Her total income was below \$30,000 but above \$21,000, which meant that she did not qualify for either of the existing Homestead Tax Relief programs.

My mother would benefit immensely from SB 76, so long as the bill is adjusted to include residential properties valued at less than \$500,000. Quite simply, it would prevent my mother and many other elderly Kansans from being taxed out of their homes. As seniors continue to live longer, a greater number of them are unable to handle such significant property tax increases year after year. My mother's 2019 tax bill was a staggering \$6,179.35, and her 2020 tax bill was \$7,444.60.

For my mother, moving her to a nursing home is simply not a viable option, especially in the middle of the pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 76, which would significantly improve the lives of seniors across Kansas.

Emanuel Greenberg, on behalf of my mother, Dorothy Greenberg