



# SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

"NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN"

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To: Members of the Committee on Taxation

From: Ted Koval, Volunteer for Sleep in Heavenly Peace KS-Benedictine College Chapter

Re: Testimony in support of HB 2203

Sleep in Heavenly Peace currently has three chapters in Kansas that serve several of their surrounding cities. Benedictine College, Atchison Kansas was founded in 2018. KC-South, Gardner, Kansas was founded in 2018. Finally, Sedgwick County, Wichita, Kansas was founded in 2022. With Sleep in Heavenly Peace being so new to Kansas and having such an immediate impact we expect the number of chapters to grow significantly. Receiving this sales tax exemption will play a huge part in the growth of the Kansas chapters of Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

For Sleep in Heavenly Peace's part in Kansas, since 2018 a total of 1689 beds have been delivered in the state. For the Benedictine College Chapter, 778 beds have been delivered to 331 homes. 322 beds have been delivered in Atchison. Atchison Elementary school has a student population of 749 students. The impact in Atchison alone is massive for these children. 288 beds have been delivered in St. Joseph, MO. 102 beds have been delivered to Leavenworth, KS. 66 more beds have been delivered to the surrounding areas.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Kansas' successful past is matched by an equally positive future. As of March tenth of this year 308 kids are already waiting on beds. This confirms the large growth previously discussed that Sleep in Heavenly Peace is going through in Kansas. This number is sure to grow as more communities become aware of the services offered and our outreach grows.

In 2022 the three Kansas Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapters paid an estimated \$2,515 in Kansas Sales Tax. This was mostly spent on materials such as lumber, tools, and bedding. The materials plus the mattresses make the cost of a new bed around \$200 a piece. If exempt from taxes in 2022, another 12 beds could have been made. This number will grow in the coming years and compound. What could have been twelve beds last year may prove to be 30 in 2023 or even more. The growth our chapters are experiencing is steeply climbing and we expect a tax exemption will help further our outreach.

Respectfully,

Ted Koval

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### SHP - SOME LOCAL STATISTICS

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June 2018 - March 10, 2023  
**778 beds delivered to 331 homes**  
 Atchison - 322 beds  
 St. Joseph - 288 beds  
 Leavenworth - 102 beds  
 Surroundings - 66 beds

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### SHP - SOME STATEWIDE STATISTICS



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## HOW THE TAX EXEMPTION WILL HELP

- Material + mattress + bedding costs are typically

**\$200.00 / Bed**

- Estimated \$2515 paid in Kansas Sales Tax (2022) for the three Kansas SHP Chapters

**12 additional kids would be in a bed**



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## BED DELIVERIES



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