

Dear Madam Chairwoman Tyson and Members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee,

I fully support the efforts on SCR 1610 and urge you to do the same.

We currently reside in Miami County Ks after purchasing our home in June 2019. For the past two years, our appraisal valuations have increased 13% the first year to over 18% this year. We simply cannot endure this type of inflated increase and are absolutely heartbroken when listening to retired folks on fixed income struggle to remain in their homes, due to over taxation based on inflated appraisal rates. If the state doesn't put a cap on property appraisal rates and doesn't exempt retired folks from paying property taxes, my family will be moving to a state that does provide exemptions for retired citizens. Homeowners want peace of mind and to have a place to call their own, upon retirement. Retired homeowners should never fear losing their home because of property taxes.

Please consider supporting the SCR 1610 with the following edits:

On line 30 of the SCR 1610, it states "...improvements have been made to the property." Please remove this language or provide specific details around what type of improvements could cause the rate to exceed 3% along with a minimum cost of such improvement; how it is currently written is simply too subjective and can easily be abused by the county appraiser.

Lines 31&32: subclass changes need to be citizen/property owner requested and/or notified with an option to appeal before being implemented. Subclasses are changing without property owner's knowledge and they are only learning of this when the appraisal notice arrives.

Please consider removing annual appraisals all together and move to appraising properties at the time of purchase only.

Sincerely,

Mandi & Gavin Shrock

Miami County, KS