

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

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

Greetings:

My wife and I are in our 80's, and live in rural Miami County Ks. We are in fear of losing our home because of our real estate taxes! Our appraisal value keeps climbing to the point that we are becoming financially unable to continue without sacrificing our bare necessities. We are approaching \$5000 a year, just in real estate taxes! This year was particularly unsettling, as our appraised value went up \$92,450!!! Our primary land around our house (4.43 acres) is valued at \$24,772 per acre!

We would appreciate any help you can give us to help solve this problem!

Thank you for introducing and for your support of Bill SCR 1610.

I urge your support for SCR 1610.

Sincerely,

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