



TO: Senator Carolyn McGinn, Chairwoman
and Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

FROM: Martha Smith, Executive Director
Kansas Manufactured Housing Association

DATE: March 21, 2023

RE: HB 2083 – Creating the Kansas vacant property act to prohibit municipalities
from imposing any fees or registration requirements on vacant property.
Proponent - Written Only

Chairwoman McGinn and Members of the Senate Local Government Committee, my name is Martha Smith and I am the Executive Director of the Kansas Manufactured Housing Association (KMHA). KMHA is a statewide trade association representing all facets of the manufactured and modular housing industries (manufacturers, retail centers, manufactured home community owners and operators, service and supplier companies, finance and insurance companies and transport companies) and I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 2083 as amended, which prohibits municipalities from imposing any fee or registration requirement on unoccupied residential or commercial property.

KMHA supports HB 2083 as amended. The amended bill now allows local governments to create and maintain a vacant property registry and only prohibits the imposing of payment of any tax, fee, or other charge for registration. We feel that this is a good compromise, it allows existing ordinances to remain in place but only prohibits the fee or tax to be included on such registration.

In closing, KMHA would respectfully ask for your support of HB 2083 as amended.

Thank you.