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Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Tyson, Vice Chairman Senator Peck, Ranking Minority Member Senator Holland and members of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee,

I am writing to encourage you to support SB 196 which will restore LAVTR and give all Kansans a property tax break in this trying economy. The restoration of LAVTR will lower the mill levy for all municipalities and will strengthen the crucial relationship between the state of Kansas and local governments throughout the state.

It is no secret that property values across the state have increased and outpaced wage growth. This dynamic is most concerning when I think about citizens like many of my constituents who are senior citizens, on a fixed income and are not able to make the wages needed to keep up with a growing property tax bill.

Restoring LAVTR will put money in the pockets of Kansas property taxpayers and show the state and the country that Kansans across the political spectrum and at different levels of government, can all work together for the common good.

Thank you for your time and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,