

Thank you Chairmen Carlson, and Committee on Taxation.

On April 14, 2012, The south end of Wichita, Kansas was struck by a tornado at approximately 1015 – 1030 PM. My Wife and I owned a mobile home that was located in Pinaire Mobile Home park at 5205 S. Clifton Ave, Lot 131. The tornado destroyed our mobile home, vehicles and other property that was located on the lot. After the tornado, we were no longer able to live in our 2000 Chandeleur, 16 X 80 mobile home. My wife and I assumed that the personal property tax would be stopped on April 14, 2012.

On May 5, 2012, We signed over the destroyed mobile home to the manager at Pinaire Mobile Home park for the purpose of demolishing and removal from Lot 131. I assumed that the form we signed over our mobile home would be forwarded to the County Treasurers office to show that our home was destroyed in a tornado. To our surprise we received a Tax Bill for approximately \$190.00 dollars. I called the County Treasurers office and spoke to an individual who told me that because of the way the personal property tax law is written that we would have to pay the full year even though it was destroyed on April 14, 2012.

Having to pay the whole year personal property tax places an undue financial hardship on my wife and I. Because of my wife's health problems she is not able to work and we are limited to one income to live on. If this bill had been in placed prior to our losing our home to a tornado we would only have to pay a reduced personal property tax from January 1 to April 14, 2012, which would have been easier on us financially. The current way the tax law is written it places undue financial hardships on families who lose their mobile homes due to an act of natural, i.e. tornado, flood, high winds, etc. Some families who lost their mobile homes in this tornado have more than just two people in their families. The current tax law, as it is written, places a heavier financial hardship on families. These families along with My wife and I had to rebuild our lives trying to find a new place to live along with replacing furniture, clothes and other personal possessions.

My wife and I support House Bill 2063 for full and complete support by the Taxation Committee, and final approval and passage by the House of Representatives and the Senate of the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,

Doyle and Sheryl Edwards