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Chairwoman Tyson and Committee Members:

Good afternoon! My name is Tom Holland and I am the State Senator for the Kansas 3rd State Senate District serving portions of Douglas and Leavenworth counties. I am here today to ask for your support of Senate Bill 242.

I am introducing this legislation on the behalf of Douglas and Leavenworth county commissioners as a result of those counties being hit by an EF4 mile-wide tornado on the evening of May 28th, 2019. The twister injured at least 17 people (3 seriously) and damaged more than 60 homes. Commercial and agricultural buildings were also extensively damaged and destroyed.

SB 242 would allow a property owner to apply to the county commission for an abatement or credit of property taxes that are levied against an agricultural improvement property that is destroyed or substantially destroyed by earthquake, flood, tornado, fire, storm, or other natural disaster. The abatement would be available for up to three years beginning retroactively to tax year 2019 and would also be available in each future tax year. The bill would take effect upon its publication in the Kansas Register.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this important matter!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom".

Tom Holland
Senator – 3rd District