

Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK)

Project Exemption Certificates for Housing Persons with Disabilities

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To: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

From: Mike Hahn, Timbers Resident

Chairwoman Tyson, Vice Chair Alley, Ranking Minority Member Holland, and members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation; I want to thank you for your willingness to allow me to provide written testimony on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK) in support of House Bill 2104.

I am from Garden Plain and moved to The Timbers in the mid-80s and then again 17 years ago. I came to Wichita to go to Wichita State University and I like the apartment's proximity to the school. It is also close to other stores and restaurants. It is handy. You don't have to go too far. For some residents, when they move in here, it's their first time being on their own and they build new close friendships. I have made some friends here but I also have my friends that I had before I moved here. I am still able to be out in the community.

Living at The Timbers has made me more independent and I don't have to rely on other people so much. A larger apartment would make a difference, especially when I turn in a wheelchair in the kitchen. I won't hit my toes.