

Proponent of SCR 1611

Thank you, House Taxation Committee, for reading my testimony.

We Kansans are suffering under rising taxes. One of the most attractive reasons for living in Kansas is the relatively low cost of living. However, unhinged property tax increases negate this benefit. We Kansans need tax relief! We citizens are reducing spending because of the economy. We ask that our government represent us and do the same: *cut spending* as necessary to give us some tax relief! This proposed four percent cap annual increase is a modest effort and not too much for us to ask of our elected officials. As citizens, we generally don't have the time to monitor legislation and discuss with our legislators as much as paid lobbyists do, so please give more weight to everyday citizens' testimony. Citizens just trying to live peacefully, work hard, and support ourselves *need tax relief*. I'm telling you, those whom you represent are hurt by out-of-control taxes, especially rising taxes on that which we already own. The ability to acquire, keep and sell private property is a basic human right (against theft) and a mark of a free People.

Please decide by the consent of the governed, not lobbyists and special interests.

Respectfully,
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