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Proponent Testimony for SB 196

To Chairman Tyson and the entire Senate Assessment & Taxation Committee:

I wanted to express my wholehearted support for SB 196 and also how grateful to the Senate Tax committee chair for agreeing to have a hearing.

Last year, I proposed this bill after having investigated the history of how the original law was crafted in the 1960s and how it was meant to standardize taxes on certain luxury goods. Just because we as a state stopped making these agreed upon payments nearly 20 years ago when we had Kansas state budget issues does not mean it still continues to be right and just.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, LAVTR could reduce property tax bills by an average of 8.5% if fully funded. I trust in local governments being closer to the needs of their community to use these funds as needed, and I believe they will have the intended effect of nullifying the need for more property taxes. While this is no silver bullet, it is certainly a step in the right direction for the state in helping our citizens in this time of rising costs.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 785-296-7522 or [jeff.pittman@senate.ks.gov](mailto:jeff.pittman@senate.ks.gov).

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Pittman".