



COUNTY OF LEAVENWORTH

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To: Chairman Adam Smith

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Cc: Committee members, staff, and community members

Dear Chairman Smith;

Thank you for allowing this hearing on HB#2197, which is a direct response to the May 28, 2019 F-4 tornado, that impacted Shawnee, Douglas, Johnson, and Leavenworth Counties. My district was directly impacted by the tornado especially near the town of Linwood.

During the last legislative session this committee acted favorably on a very similar bill, but unfortunately due to the pandemic, and other political matters this non-controversial and bi-partisan legislation did not receive a vote on the House Floor.

I urge your committee and the full senate to move quickly to make this provision a part of Kansas law. Allowing County Commissioners at their discretion to allow tax relief on outbuildings destroyed due to such natural disasters.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

God Bless,

Mike Stieben

Leavenworth County Commissioner District #5