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TO: House Committee on Taxation
FROM: Senator Caryn Tyson, 12th District
Date: March 19, 2024

SENATE CUNRCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1611 – TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chairman Smith, Vice-Chairman Bergkamp, Ranking Sawyer, and Honorable Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 1611. Many Kansans are upset about property tax increases. SCR 1611 is a proposed amendment to the Constitution, that would limit the increase on the taxable value of your property to a percentage increase each year. Exceptions would apply to changes, additions, improvements, or a sale of the property.

Property valuations would still be assigned by appraisers as it currently is, but the taxable valuation would be capped at a 4% increase per year. Hopefully, you will consider lowering it to 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is lower.

This legislation was modeled after Oklahoma and Oregon, have property tax systems similar to Kansas. Both states have a 3% taxable valuation limit. Florida is the lesser of 3% or the CPI. They are currently considering a change to the lesser of 2% or the CPI.

This legislation was not created in a vacuum. After visiting several legislators, hearing from constituents, property tax stakeholders, and studying what is working in other states, this legislation was introduced. It was most certainly a team effort that found a proven solution to the problem of automatic property tax increases.

“Property is surely a right of mankind as real as liberty.” John Adams

Thank you for your consideration. I ask for your support on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Caryn'.

Caryn Tyson

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