

SB 196

Chairman Tyson and Committee Senators:

Leavenworth county Kansas property tax

This is a record of our property tax payments on our home since 2018. We built our home in 1986 for \$77,000.00 the land was purchased for \$10,000.00.

2018 tax payment \$2548.10

2019 tax payment \$2827.56

2020 tax payment \$2809.00

2021 tax payment \$3153.14

2022 tax payment \$3664.04

2023 tax payment \$4018.68

2018 appraisal \$ NA

2019 appraisal. \$ NA

2020 appraisal. \$214,900.00

2021 appraisal. \$246,270.00

2022 appraisal. \$285,400.00

2023 appraisal. \$326,300.00

We are on a fixed income so every increase in our property tax is money that will have to come out of another area where we pay for goods or services. How can our valuation go up so much from year to year, the home isn't anymore valuable to us than when we built it. The valuation going up and the mill levy not falling seems like a very large windfall for the taxing districts. The county and school board needs to do a better job of controlling spending. Also I disagree with the county valuation of my home, I truthfully believe they have it \$100,000.00 higher than it should be.

The state could help with the property tax escalation if they would make the states contribution to the counties to lower property taxes. The members of the house and senate should be held responsible for correcting their negligence in this matter. Leavenworth county government's isn't without blame in this problem they evidently haven't controlled spending allowing budgets to increase to levels that are painful to ordinary taxpayers since 2018 our taxes increased \$1470.68. I've seen zero increase in county services so where is all the extra revenue they've received from all the property owners in the county? Has the tax burden been shifted from businesses and farm property to residential?

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