

Testimony before the  
House Committee on Taxation  
On  
HB 2011  
Decreasing the rate of ad valorem tax imposed by a school district.

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Chair Smith and members of the House Taxation committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony on HB 2011. USA Kansas appears neutral on this legislation. We do support the concept of reducing property tax for the homeowners of Kansas. There is a need to provide property tax relief.

The primary concern we have is that reducing the mill levy will provide less revenue for the state school district finance fund. This is a primary fund for finance of the K-12 education school budget. It is our understanding there is a provision to backfill revenue from the SGF to maintain school funding. We encourage the committee to ensure the demand transfer is included in HB 2011.

We would also request that the committee consider new construction/development that would expand the local tax base be included so that additional revenue would be realized by the school district. Would also ask the committee to consider adding inflation adjustment in calculating base state aid for schools.

Thank you for taking the time to review these requests when working HB 2011.