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The Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners supports tax relief for all Kansans. We also recognize that people with disabilities face difficulties in paying property taxes that others don't. While House Bill 2005 as presented does not offer relief to all tax payers it does allow veterans with a total disability to receive an income tax credit of up to 75% based upon their property and ad valorem taxes paid.

The language in HB 2005 as presented simplifies the calculation of eligibility when compared to the Kansas Homestead Act and in our opinion is a much better approach. The Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners appreciates that the State will be responsible to fund any financial impact this may have rather than pushing the cost back on local government. We believe this is an admirable start to property tax relief and encourage the House and Senate to support this act with one modification. We believe there should be an upper income limit applied for eligibility.

We encourage further action to support property tax relief for all homeowners in Kansas.

Respectfully,

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