



**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 269
Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs**

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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium and large-sized businesses across the state, advocating for policies which improve the economic climate in Kansas. We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 269, which deals with fees charged by the board of tax appeals.

SB 269 is a very simple, pro-taxpayer piece of legislation. This bill simply clarifies existing law which states that no filing fee may be charged by the board for an appeal from the previous year that has not been decided. The clarification added clarifies circumstances when a case is pending before the board of tax appeals and a new appeal is filed for an additional tax year, no filing fee can be charged.

In some instances, taxpayers face an appeal for a tax year, only to have the following year, or two or three also face an increase in valuation where the taxpayer believes the valuation is not reflective of the fair market value of the property. If the board fails to address such appeals in a timely manner for the taxpayer, the taxpayer should not face subsequent fees for additional years of valuation challenges.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 269, and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.