

Chairman and Representatives of the House Committee on Commerce,
Labor and Economy,

I am writing in support of HB 2665. The passage of this bill will help mitigate the subversion of my tenants Fourth Amendment rights with unfettered inspections of their private homes. The Overland Park City Council gave the city a blank check to conduct exterior inspections of all rental properties with the stated intention of performing more intrusive interior inspections in the future. The warrantless probing around private property to assure "grass is not overgrown, that the siding and paint are not peeling off, that the deck is not falling apart" is unnecessary and pointless. There are no slums in Overland Park. I am asking for your support of HB 2665 in order to put some limits on this totalitarian concept.

HB 2665 will not prevent a city from obtaining a warrant to conduct an inspection if a serious problem arises. It may put a damper on a City's the unbridled power to intrude on private property.

My wife and I have successfully owned and leased rental homes in Overland Park for the past 40 years without benefit of rental inspections. Most of our properties are in northern Overland Park, the oldest and allegedly most run down part of town. I would invite anyone to take a look at the area. Serious deterioration is rare to non-existent. Our fellow property owners and we are investing considerable sums to upgrade these older properties. We have always had every incentive to maintain property to a high standard in Overland Park.

The new ordinance does not affect those who wrote and approved it. It is designed to exercise unjust control over the private lives of small property owners and their tenants.

Americans who value their individual liberty must oppose the erosion of their property rights by government. Please help to preserve our liberty by passing HB 2665.

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