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The Associated Landlords of Kansas (TALK) was created in 1981 by landlords in Kansas to “Promote a strong voice in the legislature, a high standard of ethics, and provide educational opportunities for landlords.” Some of our members helped create The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1975, a model of fair law for both landlords and tenants.

In this 2016 legislative session, we will continue to promote property rights, and fair and decent housing for all.

Testimony on SB 338

Again this year, we are testifying Neutral on SB 338. While we will always have reservations about taking property from the rightful owners, we believe that local municipalities have rare cases where they must do so to act in the best interests of the public.

We also believe that our concerns can be resolved with little to no impact on the Bill.

Section 1d, Blighting Influence, lists “lack of ventilation” as a cause for action. We believe that this is a reference to people boarding up windows on a vacant home to guard against vandalism, break-ins, and other illegal activity. This should be removed from the Bill, as it actually seeks to prevent the possibility of Blighting Influence.

Section 1d, Blighting Influence also lists Property Maintenance Codes as a cause for action. We believe that this is much too arbitrary. Something as simple as peeling paint on a window in the back of a home, a torn screen, or even the absence of house numbers visible from the street falls under that category.

We appreciate the extensive effort that the Proponents have made this year to make this a good working Bill, and believe that the changes we have suggested will make it even better.

If we can be of help to you in any area concerning property rights, tenants, or landlords, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

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Franklin Co. Landlords Assoc.
Osage Co. Landlords Assoc.

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