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Senator Susan Wagle
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Subject: My OPPOSITION to Senate Bill No. 31 as currently written.

Dear Senators, as I am looking at SB. 31 there are several issues that I have questions as written. After trying for over 6 years to obtain my Social Security, I had no income. My home was not continually maintained. In looking at Section 1. (B), the 90-day requirement is too strict in my opinion to comply with as written. I have been working on my house to restore it to compliance since August of 2016 and I am still months away from completion, to obtain a bank loan would be out of my realm of possibilities. The family has pooled our resources to fix and finish the house. If there were, a way for someone such as me to be put on a list for diversion of some type this would make more sense. Having limited income some find it almost impossible to have maintenance done to their homes. This would have put me into this category. Coming from one of the most blighted sections of the City of Wichita, I understand the need to move expeditiously on some properties while at the same time this bill as written will affect more than just those properties. Low-income homeowners' with few assets will be affected. We should take more time and address those homeowners' in making this bill. We need to state the difference between Vacant and Abandoned properties. When there is a dispute what are the steps to make the property owner whole? If property is taken or sold, is there a system to pay the owner a percent minus the city cost to maintain the property? This bill as written favors the cities over the property owners. This is cause to question this bill written as such. With a few tweaks, this concept for acquiring abandoned properties will work just not as written.

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