

April 3, 2017

To: Kansas House Committee on Taxation;

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 2406 to repeal KSA-79-227.

Hodgeman County is one of 14 counties being affected by the White Cliff Pipeline Appeal to BOTA. Due to the many miles of their pipeline running through Hodgeman County, they are our largest taxpayer. White Cliff didn't ask for an abatement of taxes when they first planned to enter our county, our budgets have been planned with these funds in mind.

We, like many counties have experienced tornados and wildfires with the loss of several homesteads. Our home owners can only receive up to a three year tax abatement. Should the White Cliff abatement be approved our county will lose 4,348,178 of assessed value and approximately \$747,960.45 in tax revenue. Of the \$747,960, the county's portion will amount to a \$468,086 share while the school's loss would be around \$230,540.

We are a Energy friendly county and would be open for discussion on possibly a 5 year graduated tax abatement. Our goal is to tax everyone fairly. We are not only concerned about Hodgeman County losing revenue, but this also affects the State of Kansas losing tax dollars.

Sincerely,



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