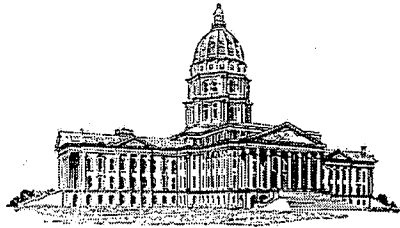


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February 11, 2020

Proponent Testimony for HB 2517:  
Property tax abatement for agricultural improvement destroyed or  
substantially destroyed by a natural disaster.

Chairman Johnson and Members of the House Taxation Committee:

2019 was a wild and crazy year in Douglas County. We had an EF-4 tornado that caused \$22 million in damage, and a 500-year flood event that damaged 100+ homes. And we weren't alone. Dozens of Kansas counties were impacted by severe storms and floods in 2019, and much of the damage was sustained by our agricultural producers.

We stand in support of HB 2517, a bill that would allow a property owner to apply to the county commission for an abatement or credit of property taxes that are levied against agricultural buildings like barns, sheds, and grain bins.

We believe that this is a small but meaningful support that the state can provide to these property owners who potentially also lost homes, personal property, and other assets in a natural disaster.

We appreciate the committee's consideration of this bill, and would urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eileen Horn".

Eileen Horn, State Representative, 10<sup>th</sup> District

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Amyx".

Mike Amyx, State Representative, 45<sup>th</sup> District