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MY TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 294 LOCAL OFFICIALS REQUIRED TO VOTE ON TAX INCREASES.
House Taxation Committee

As I write this in support of SB 294, I am amazed that any elected city, county or state elected official serving in any capacity would have any objection to this bill. We are elected to serve in the best interest of the taxpayers and as such we should not only be willing but also we should expect to be held fully accountable to the taxpayers for any and all decisions about all spending but more expect to be held fully accountable for any and all tax increases.

The property taxes in Kansas are totally out of control. Our property taxes here in Kansas have become out of control because the taxpayers have not been engaged in these tax increase decisions as much as we should have. This has all changed! Take notice here and now that the Kansas Taxpayers are totally fed up and we are banding together to require and demand that our city, county and state elected officials work for us, the taxpayers and we are banding together to hold every official fully accountable and demand full transparency in all spending matters. But more especially any tax increases.

I am a Sheridan County Commissioner and I fully support SB 294. And I ask you all for your endorsement and passage of SB 294. Thank you.

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