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RE: SB 294, Concerning Tax Rates and Truth in Taxation

Honorable Kansas State Senator Caryn Tyson

Chairman Tyson and Distinguished Committee Members

My name is Bill Lower, Chairman of the Haskell County Commissioners. Thank you in advance for listening to the reasons for my opposition to Senate Bill 294.

As I see it, this bill requires not only population growth, but construction growth to raise revenue for this to work. Haskell County is all agriculture. We have a population of 4,053, and have a hard time of keeping that steady, and very few new businesses coming into the area.

With the tax lid currently in place, we have a hard enough time keeping up with that, let alone adding this Senate Bill to the mix. We are trying to hold budgets in line, and here you are wanting to expand government, and spend more money! To implement this, we would have to add at least four people to our staff. No telling what the postage cost would be! You are wanting to implement this Senate Bill this year, and there has been no money budgeted for what it would take. As we say on the farm, if it's not broke, don't fix it! Leave things as they are.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me, if you would like to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Haskell County Commission  
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