

**Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK)**

**Project Exemption Certificates for Housing Persons with Disabilities**

**March 10, 2021**

**To: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation**

**From: Carol Burton, Timbers Resident**

Chairwoman Tyson, Vice Chair Alley, Ranking Minority Member Holland, and members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation; I want to thank you for your willingness to allow me to provide written testimony on behalf of the Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK) in support of House Bill 2104.

I lived in Winfield, KS before moving to the Timbers 5 years ago. I moved back to be with family and I love the Timbers. My daughter, Kammy, is also a resident of The Timbers. I encouraged her to move to The Timbers first because she has Cerebral Palsy and needs the accessibility.

I appreciate all of the amenities The Timbers provides me and my family. Having the tornado shelters is a big one. Most places don't have that which are handicapped accessible and most places aren't handicapped accessible that are low income.

The support system that I have at The Timbers extends past my biological family and now includes my neighbors as well. We are not just friends. We are more like family here than friends. We have our own little community right here at the Timbers and it is so cool.

I was on the Resident Design Committee and helped inform the apartment designers of the needs of the residents. A larger apartment would mean more room to maneuver my chair around and more space for my equipment that I need for my daily task of living. It is important to us, with our limited mobility, in having the handicapped accessible apartments. Being where we can go straight out to the parking lot without having to go down an elevator.