

Cerebral Palsy Research Foundation of Kansas (CPRFK)

Project Exemption Certificates for Housing Persons with Disabilities

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To: Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

From: MacKenzie Winder, 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 am from Osborne, KS and went to school in Smith Center, KS. When a resident first suggested moving to The Timbers, I laughed because I couldn't imagine living 3 hours away from my parents and I didn't know about all of the accommodations. It has been helpful living around people who are like me. If I need something that other people might not understand, I have two best friends who are always there when I need them.

I have lived at The Timbers for 5 years and the reason I wanted to move to Wichita is to find a job. I have a lot more opportunities living in a big city. When I moved into The Timbers I worked with CPRF's Job Placement team to find my job at Center Industries.

I would love a bigger apartment. If I have 3 or 4 friends in wheelchairs come over it is a bit tight. I am excited for the new congregate area.