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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of Senator Jeff Pittman and others' SB 78, the Golden Years Homestead Property Tax Relief Bill. When approved, the bill will freeze property tax assessments for low-income, elderly citizens and disabled veterans.

Such legislation is wise and appropriate. Low-income elderly citizens and disabled veterans have virtually no opportunities to raise their incomes and are usually living sparsely, if not hand-to-mouth. Rising property taxes force those citizens of limited means to make hard choices. Please do not put them under a more difficult financial strain. Raising property taxes is irresponsible hardship.

I encourage the Kansas Senate and House of Representatives to pass this legislation during the 2021 legislative session. It is more prudent for citizens, especially low-income and disabled citizens, to keep their money, regardless of the source of income, rather than taxing them and subsequently giving them a government-provided entitlement payment. Such circular logic--taking taxes from them and giving them an entitlement—is foolish and demeaning.

I urge you to support Senator Pittman and pass the Golden Years Homestead Property Tax Relief Bill.

Sincerely,

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