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The Associated Landlords of Kansas (TALK) was created in 1981 by a group of people from across Kansas to "Promote a strong voice in the legislature, a high standard of ethics, and provide educational opportunities for landlords." Some of our members helped create The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1975, a model of fair law for both landlords and tenants.

In this 2022 legislative session, we will continue to work for fair and decent housing for all.

**Testimony on S.B. 510 (Vacant Property Act)**

**Buildings of all types become vacant and/or unoccupied for many reasons over the course of their life.**

**With residential properties, sometimes it's because of the death of the owner or financial hardships, and sometimes it's just because that's what the rightful owner wants, whatever his or her reason may be.**

**Commercial properties include all of the above reasons, plus the possibilities of business shutdowns that they have no control over, such as what many have experienced over the last 2 years.**

**If the property is secured and being maintained, it's vacant status should be of no concern to local officials.**

**To be made to register that property and to pay a fee for the "privilege" of doing so is an affront to the rights of private property ownership which we in America hold dear.**

**In addition, by registering the property as vacant, it becomes a public record, and possibly be posted with a large neon sticker on the front of the property like is done for properties that are deemed as being unfit.**

**In both of those cases, it sends a message to the ne'er-do-wells that this property is vacant and might be a perfect candidate for anything from copper stripping, vandalism and theft, to just plain old squatting.**

**If registering vacant properties is, as has been suggested by some, a way to protect our brave public servants when they need to enter a building due to fire or police concerns, I would argue that a home where a hoarder lives would be a much more dangerous environment. And we don't make them register.**

**Charging exorbitant fees also makes safety arguments a lot less believable.**

**I urge you to support this Bill to protect the property rights of your fellow Kansans.**

If we can be of help to you in any area concerning property rights, tenants, or landlords, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

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Franklin Co. Landlords Assoc.  
Osage Co. Landlords Assoc.

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McPherson Landlord Association  
Lafayette Co. Landlords Assoc.  
Geary County Landlords Inc.  
Shawnee Co. Landlords Assoc.  
Salina Rental Property Providers Inc.  
South Central Kansas Landlord Assoc.  
Serving Sumner and Reno Counties

**Zone 3**

Central Kansas Landlords Assoc  
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Cherokee County Landlords Assoc.  
Crawford County Landlords Assoc.  
Montgomery County Landlords Assoc.  
Rental Owner Inc., serving Sedgwick County