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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HCR 5009

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Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Taxation committee. I appear today in support of HCR 5009.

This just in—property taxes are rising and property taxes on residential property are exploding.

Earlier this session House Democrats introduced a package of bills designed to address the situation. HB 2366 would provide \$108,000,000 of direct relief to all property owners across Kansas. HB 2364 would provide an additional \$55,000,000 of direct relief to homeowners across Kansas. And HCR 5009, being heard today, would address a structural problem that has developed over time since the most recent adoption of a Classification Amendment to the Kansas Constitution in 1992.

The attached pie chart has been updated since a similar one was distributed to House members last week. What it illustrates is that since adoption of the amendment in 1992, taxes on residential property have risen from 35% of all property taxes paid to a 56% projection in 2023.

Another illustration of the relative shifts is demonstrated by the bar chart also attached.

Very simply, HCR 5009 would give the voters of Kansas an option of addressing some of this shift occurring over time onto homes back to the other classes of property that have enjoyed a shift away from their class during that same period. Specifically, if approved, the assessed rate of residential property would be lowered from the 11.5% rate approved in 1992 to 9%.

As the pie chart indicates, this change would adjust the projected 56% projected share of *ad valorem* taxes paid by residential property owners to a projected 48% of the total. (Because the mix of property differs dramatically from county to county, an additional attachment illustrates the projected change for the home counties of committee members if the proposed amendment were adopted.)

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