

Dear Legislators:

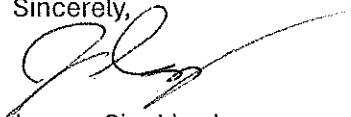
I would like to speak in favor of the bill to recognize all 503(c) entities as exempt from property taxes in Kansas. I am the board president of a tiny new non-profit, the Cana House of Hospitality Foundation. We are seeking to provide a place for the poor to eat, meet and be engaged in the community in authentic human ways as well as provide opportunities to help one out of poverty. We only serve a very small portion of the Atchison population and do not have full time staff members. All work is volunteer.

We do own a house in Atchison that is being fixed up (again by volunteers) to be this place of community. Having received non-profit status from the Secretary of State of Kansas and just beginning to seek federal 503(c) status, we are hoping to avoid the burdensome task of amending the law to allow us to have property tax relief.

Working with a budget of less than \$10,000 a year, the Cana House would benefit greatly from tax exemption and the little money we have will be able to help Kansas citizens live a more human life.

Thank you for your work and your consideration of passing this bill. It will not only help us but encourage Kansans to help other Kansans in ways that correspond with the American spirit of grassroots charity to one's neighbor.

Sincerely,



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