



# City of Bentley

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Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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SB 196 - Reinstating transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund (LAVTRF)

Position: Proponent, Written

City of Bentley, Kansas

Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing Kansas municipalities and counties the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 196, which would reinstate transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.

As a property owner and small business owner, I'm personally aware of the hardships created by the ever-increasing annual property taxes. As a Mayor, I'm also aware of how we struggle to keep our budget and mill levy down to prevent being a burden on our local taxpayers, while also juggling the inflationary increases of all of our expenses.

The reinstatement of the LAVTR Funding would give local governments one more tool in the fight to keep property taxes reasonable for our citizens. I strongly encourage you to move in favor of SB196 and allow the LAVTR Funds to come back to the local governments for property tax relief.

Thank you for the opportunity to present our perspective on this legislation.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Pribbenow".

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