

TO: The Honorable Members of the House Taxation Committee
RE: HB 2203

Thank you for considering Kansas Sales Tax Exemption status for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. The Sedgwick County Chapter is relatively new, having started up in 2022. We have already had three Community Bed Build Events and, since September, have delivered 115 beds to children who previously did not have beds of their own. I cannot describe the joy on the faces of these kids and their parents when we set up beds in their homes.

What we do is more than simply building and delivering beds, as important as that is. Build days and deliveries build an incredible sense of community. We have had 70-90 volunteers at each of our builds. There are dozens of people helping to get these beds set up in homes. There are many more who are providing donations of necessities for building beds and bedding for deliveries, as well as funds so we can buy what we need.

If we receive the tax exemption, more of these important funds will go directly back to the community as we work together to build and deliver beds to these beautiful kids. Please help us to help so "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town.

Richard E. Neu
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