



Kansas Agricultural Alliance

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To: House Taxation Committee, Rep. Steven Johnson, Chair
From: Kansas Agricultural Alliance, Daniel Heady, President
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RE: HB 2740 – INCREASING THE STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR SCHOOLS

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the committee for allowing KAA to submit written testimony in opposition to HB 2740. State and local governments have put increasing pressure on property taxpayers over the years. This bill is just another example of ever increasing property taxes. This trend cannot continue.

You will have testimony from many interested parties, including those from the agricultural industry, opposing this bill. **The agricultural community through the members of the KAA stands united in our opposition to HB 2740.** The agricultural economy is struggling at the moment. Additionally, property valuations on agricultural land are cyclically increasing under the use value formula. This combination does not need to be exacerbated by nearly doubling the statewide mill levy.

Thank you for considering the views of Kansas agriculture, and **we urge you to oppose HB 2740.**

The Kansas Agricultural Alliance (KAA) is composed of statewide farm, livestock, commodity, cooperative, agri-business and agri-service organizations. KAA's mission is to promote the general welfare of agriculture and rural communities within Kansas and the U.S., with special emphasis upon legislative activities affecting agriculture, rural areas and cooperative services.