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Senator Caryn Tyson and Members of the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

Written Testimony/Opposition to HB 2380 - Sales Tax on Self Storage Facilities.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement. My name is John Valley and I own 5 self storage facilities in Shawnee County. I am stating that I am strongly opposed to this bill HB 2380 and the tax that would impose.

We do not provide a service, we rent a space thru a rental agreement to a customer for a specified period of time, much like a rental agreement for a home, apartment or commercial space.

A large percentage of our renters are unemployed, retired, military and students. Many are in the lower income brackets since they are renters already and don't have the space to store their personal property. Or might now have a place of their own at all.

Self storage facilities nation wide pay on a average 23% of their total expenses in property taxes. It is the largest expense I have at 4 of my 5 locations.

Last night when i got home and got to have a conversation with my 18 year son it was very interesting. He asked how my day went and I said not very good. He asked why and I explained that the state government wanted to add sales tax to a persons self storage bill. Being much smarter than I am, he said "your not selling anything thing, you rent space, why would you pay sales tax on rent?"

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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