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To: Chairwoman Tyson

Re: SB# 23 Disaster property tax relief for outbuildings

Cc: Committee members, staff, and community members

Dear Senator Tyson;

Thank You for allowing this hearing on SB#23, which is a direct response to the May 28, 2019 F-4 tornado, that impacted Shawnee, Douglas, Johnson, and Leavenworth Counties.

I am the Leavenworth County Commissioner representing the southern part of Leavenworth County. My district was directly impacted by the tornado especially near the town of Linwood.

During the last legislative session this committee acted favorably on a very similar bill SB#242, but unfortunately due to the pandemic, and other political matters this non-controversial and bi-partisan legislation did not receive a vote on the Senate floor.

I urge your committee and the full Senate to move quickly to make this provision a part of Kansas law. Allowing County Commissioners at their discretion to allow for tax relief on outbuildings destroyed due to such natural disasters.

Thank You for your consideration of this important legislation.

God Bless,
Mike Stieben
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