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Testimony in support of Senate Bill 514
To the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
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Chair Tyson, Vice-chair Peck, Ranking Holland, and other Assessment and Taxation Members:

I am very pleased that the Committee is considering Senate Bill 514, a bill to establish a checkoff for contributions to the Kansas Historic Site Fund to benefit individual historic sites in Kansas.

Every legislator is aware of the variety of historic sites and properties that help tell the stories of their district and make it special. In my district, much of the story centers around Constitution Hall in Lecompton. In 1857 thousands of settlers and speculators filed their land office claims on the first floor of that building and both the Kansas Territorial Government and the Lecompton Constitutional Convention met on the second floor. Constitution Hall, one of the sixteen state owned historic sites, is an essential part of telling the stories of settlement of our state and of Bleeding Kansas.

This bill would create an easy way for me to support the operation, maintenance and preservation of that building; I expect to be joined by others in supporting the historic sites that are important to them, their communities and the state.

The process requirements of the bill provide another service to our taxpayers: a list with a brief description of all the state-owned historic sites administered by the Kansas State Historical Society with a brief description of them. I'm hoping that many will choose both to contribute and to visit many of these sites.

I hope that you will recommend this bill favorably for passage.

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