

January 29, 2013

To: Members of the House Committee on Taxation

Subject: Please **Support** the passage of House Bill No. 2047,

Property Tax Transparency Reform

As the Wichita-area volunteer coordinator for AFP, I believe there is wide spread grassroots support for the taxpayer protection benefits incorporated in House Bill No. 2047.

TRANSPARENCY is important to people. We have witnessed local officials brag about not raising the mill levy because they knew property tax revenues would increase automatically due to increased property tax valuations.

ACCOUNTABILITY is important to people. Local governmental officials will be more accountable if they have to vote publicly for property tax increases.

ECONOMIC CERTAINTY AND GROWTH are important to people and businesses. No one objects to increased property tax revenues going to local governmental units due to increased economic growth, as the bill provides, but no one supports benefits for taxing bodies without the protection for people and businesses this bill would provide.

Please support passage of House Bill No. 2047.

Sincerely,

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