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House Committee on Taxation:

Dear Committee Members,

This letter is to request the passage of the Property Tax Transparency Act HB 2047.

As a citizen of the city of Wichita Kansas I have watched the local establishment spend their windfall property tax revenues on projects that I don't feel are the proper use of property tax revenue. Wichita has swimming pools without water, streets that need repair and other neighborhood issues that need attention. Had it been left up to the taxpayers to approve the spending of the growing property valuation tax deposits, I don't think the inappropriate expenditures would have been made.

It is time for those who make decisions about how to spend this windfall property tax revenue to be more responsible to the public who is expecting POLICE PROTECTION, FIRE PROTECTION, STREET REPAIRS, PARK MAINTIENCE, etc. Extra property taxes should not be given as bags full of cash for developers building non neighborhood projects.

Please give this house House Bill number 2047 your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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