



Kingman County Commission

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Mr. Steve Johnson, chairman
Kansas House Taxation Committee

Regarding House Bill 2406 and a property tax exemption for the White Cliffs Pipeline

Mr. Johnson and members of the Committee,

We are writing in support of House Bill 2406, which would repeal exemption from property taxes for certain pipeline property by repealing K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 79-227.

The White Cliffs Pipeline traverses Kingman County for 27.54 miles from northwest to southeast. If the pipeline is granted the property tax exemption it seeks, there would be a significant financial impact on multiple taxing entities in the county.

Here are the **2016 taxes** collected on this property in Kingman County broken down by each taxing entity:

Kingman County	\$ 531,948.82
Cunningham USD 332	\$ 270,822.05
Rural Township	\$ 111,356.47
Kingman-Norwich USD 331	\$ 63,703.52
Peters Township	\$ 42,466.64
Chikaskia Township	\$ 27,030.95
Dresden-Rural Cemetery	\$ 18,025.31
Union Township	\$ 12,984.35
State of Kansas	\$ 12,738.25
South Central Kansas Library System	\$ 10,640.68
Dresden Township	\$ 7,036.85
Belmont Township	\$ 5,440.61
Harper Hospital District	\$ 5,222.96

If the pipeline was exempt from property tax, **the total loss of tax dollars in Kingman County in 2016 would have been \$1,119,417.46.** Kingman County's portion of White Cliffs Pipeline was valued at approximately **\$8.5 million** in 2016, which equals approximately **12 percent of the county's total valuation.** The prospect of losing this tax revenue and valuation is daunting.

Kingman County therefore supports House Bill 2406 and strongly urges its passage and enactment into law.

Sincerely,

John Steffen, Chairman

Fred Foley, Commissioner

Jerry Henning, Commissioner