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To: House Taxation Committee
From: Mark Tomb, VP of Governmental Affairs
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Re: Written Testimony in Support of SB 265

Chairman Johnson and members of the House Taxation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today on behalf of the Kansas Association of REALTORS® in support of **SB 265**. This legislation would allow taxpayers to receive orders and notices electronically from the board of tax appeals, if such electronic notification is requested and consented to by the taxpayer and attorney of record.

The Kansas Association of REALTORS® encourages government at all levels to become more efficient and utilize technology to improve government programs. **SB 265** is a small but important step to reduce costs and improve service delivery options of the board of tax appeals. It is also important to note that this type of notice is voluntary, so individuals that may not be as technologically savvy can continue to receive notices by current methods.

The Kansas Association of REALTORS® represents over 10,000 members involved in residential, agricultural and commercial real estate and has advocated on behalf of the state's property owners for nearly 100 years. REALTORS® serve an important role in the state's economy and are dedicated to working with our elected officials to create better communities by supporting economic development, a high quality of life and providing affordable housing opportunities while protecting the rights of private property owners.

Conclusion

Kansas Association of REALTORS® would urge the members of the House Taxation Committee to support **SB 265**, which will improve the efficiency of state government by providing a voluntary electronic option to deliver orders and notices of the board of tax appeals.