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The Associated Landlords of Kansas (TALK) was created in 1981 by a group of people from across Kansas to "Promote a strong voice in the legislature, a high standard of ethics, and provide educational opportunities for landlords." Some of our members helped create The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1975, a model of fair law for both landlords and tenants.

In this 2019 legislative session, we will continue to work for fair and decent housing for all.

**Testimony on H.B. 2314**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this Bill's introduction in the Kansas Legislature, we once again stand NEUTRAL.

HOWEVER, this year there has been some new developments that you should be made aware of.

- 1) There is at least one, and possibly more local governments that have been using existing law to do something very similar to what this Bill is proposing, apparently without some of the numerous safeguards that have been negotiated into it over the last 10 years. We don't pretend to understand how they are doing it, or how they appear to have convinced title companies that it is allowable under existing laws when they have been claiming for over 10 years that they need new legislation to do so. Our members suggest that perhaps a clarification on what is or is not already legal would be in order, and incorporated into this new proposal.
  
- 2) In a UNANIMOUS decision by the United States Supreme Court just the other day, all 9 Justices ruled that the Constitution's prohibition on excessive fines applies to state and local governments, limiting their abilities to impose fines and seize property. We believe that it is worth looking into whether the "crime" of not living in your property or taking care of it in a proper way should grant local governments to, in effect, seize your property and give it to another. When you see all 9 Justices, from Clarence Thomas to Ruth Bader Ginsburg agree on something this strongly, then perhaps we should be very cautious about creating new law, or even allowing existing laws that are possibly being misused to stay in place.

If we can be of help to you in any area concerning property rights, tenants, or landlords, please feel free to contact us at your convenience.

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