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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 adopt The Residential Landlord-Tenant Act of 1975, a model of fair law for both landlords and tenants.

In this 2023 legislative session, we will continue to work for fair and decent housing for all.

# Testimony on H.B. 2083 (Vacant Property Act)

Buildings of all types become vacant and/or unoccupied for many reasons over the course of their life.

With residential properties, sometimes it's because of the death of the owner or financial hardships, and sometimes it's just because that's what the rightful owner wants, whatever his or her reason may be.

Commercial properties include all of the above reasons, plus the possibilities of business shutdowns that they have no control over, such as what many have experienced over the last 2 years.

If the property is secured and being maintained, it's vacant status should be of no concern to local officials.

To be made to register that property and to pay a fee for the "privilege" of doing so is an affront to the rights of private property ownership which we in America hold dear.

HOWEVER, IN THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE TO ACHIEVE WHAT SUPPORTERS AND OPPONENTS SAY IS <u>MOST</u> IMPORTANT TO THEM, WE OFFERED THE CHANGES AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE WITH 87 VOTES TO APPROVE.

ACCEPTING THE REGISTRY REQUIREMENT WITHOUT HAVING TO "PAY ANY TAX, FEE OR OTHER CHARGE FOR SUCH PROPERTY" IS A "WIN/WIN" FOR ALL CONCERNED, AND WE APPLAUD THOSE ON BOTH SIDES WHO RECOGNIZED THAT.

We urge you to support HB 2083 as presented today.

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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Landlords of Johnson County, Ks Inc.
K.C.KS. Landlords Inc., (Wyandotte Co).
Eastern Kansas Landlords Assoc.. (Miami Co)
Franklin Co. Landlords Assoc.
Osage Co. Landlords Assoc.

## Zone 2

McPherson Landlord Association Labette Co. Landlords Assoc. Geary County Landlords Inc. Shawnee Co. Landlords Assoc. Salina Rental Property Providers Inc. South Central Kansas Landlord Assoc. Serving Sumner and Reno Counties

## Zone 3

Central Kansas Landlords Assoc Bourbon County Landlords Assoc. Cherokee County Landlords Assoc. Crawford County Landlords Assoc. Montgomery County Landlords Assoc. Rental Owner Inc., serving Sedgwick County