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**SENATE VOTES TO REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES,  
SETS STAGE FOR FURTHER REFORM**

Topeka (January 29, 2025) – Today, the Kansas Senate passed two bills reducing property taxes on Kansans, setting the stage for further property tax reform.

SB 35, which passed 38-2, eliminates the 1.5 mill levy for state educational and institutional buildings. The 1.5 mill levy is the only instance in which the state government puts property tax revenue into its coffers – all other property taxes are local in nature. The money for the impacted buildings would be made up via the state general fund.

SB 10, which passed 37-3, would exempt an array of residential vehicles from property tax, including motorized bicycles, watercraft, snowmobiles, and trailers. The bill was supported by county appraisers who said it would create efficiencies and lower costs, as often the resources required to assess these vehicles exceeded the revenue collected. School districts impacted by this exemption would automatically receive equivalent revenue from the state general fund.

After the vote, President Masterson said, “These bills are an important step towards reducing property taxes, but more importantly, they set the stage for further property tax reform that Kansans are demanding. With people being pushed out of their homes, we must address the broken appraisal system and provide Kansans with the ability to curb excessive property taxes assessed at the local level.”