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Governor and Democrat Allies Stand in the Way of Property Tax Relief

Topeka, KS — Governor Laura Kelly vetoed Senate Substitute for House Bill 2745, legislation delivering meaningful property tax relief and giving Kansans a direct voice to stop excessive local tax increases.

Speaker of the House Dan Hawkins and House Majority Leader Chris Croft released the following statements:

"House Republicans have made property tax relief a top priority for over two years. And for two years, while claiming they want to address affordability and property tax relief, the Governor and her allies have done nothing but stand in the way of solutions. It seems they would rather campaign on the problem than solve it," **said Speaker Dan Hawkins**. "Kansans didn't send us to Topeka to play political games, they sent us here to deliver results. Kansas families are being crushed by rising property taxes. Across the state, they are being forced into tightening their budgets and making smarter, more fiscally responsible choices. Local government should be doing the same. This conversation is not over and we will continue to fight to put Kansans who are suffering under out of control property taxes back in the driver's seat."

"I'm very disappointed that Governor Kelly has chosen to stand between Kansans and much needed property tax relief," **said Majority Leader Chris Croft**. "This Legislature worked hard to deliver on its promise of relief, and passed a bill to give the voters the ability to stop excessive property tax hikes, yet the Governor has vetoed that effort, putting partisan politics ahead of the financial burden Kansans face every year. The people of Kansas deserve a voice in how their hard-earned dollars are taxed, and this veto ignores their needs and the will of the people. It's time to put Kansans first and ensure real property tax relief becomes a reality."

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