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Kansas City, Missouri.

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Hon. Llyd C. Stark,

Jefferson City, Mo,

Dear Sir:

I am glad to see you are looking into the tax and assessment situation in Kansas City. In the first place, the valuable property owned by the powers that be, is assessed too low, while the property owned by poor hard working people is assessed too high. In thousands of cases this character of property, is sold by the City of Kansas City for taxes. This character of pro perty when sold is gobbled up by tax sharks and politicians

They buy a city tax certificate for from ten to fifteen dollars and collect rent for years on this property, they thereafter buy a City tax deed now and then to protect their ill-gotten gain, and on this same property the state seldom gets any taxes. I know property of this character in Kansas on which State taxes are delinquent for from ten to 12 years

Last year and the year before they made a pretense of tax sales on this character of property. Where there was 5 years taxes due they just advertised only one year's tax claim for the state. The wise ones bought the one years tax certificate for a small sum and kept on collecting rent.

I think those are things our Governor ought to know, and

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do something to correct the practice. The present system is not honest, and isnt just to us people who try to pay our taxes year after year, in an effort to support our Government as we should. The City of Kansas City does not lose a great deal by the above named practice but the State does. I trust you can do something about it.

A Tax Payer