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To: Representative Steve Huebert, Chair of the House Committee on Local Government

From: Shilo Heger, Riley County Treasurer

Re: Opposition to House Bill 2235

Representative Huebert and members of the Local Government Committee, my name is Shilo Heger. I currently serve as the Riley County Treasurer. I am here today to offer testimony in opposition of House Bill 2235. This bill, if passed, would give the Board of County Commissioners of any county with a population over 50,000 the ability to call an election to abolish the office of County Treasurer and make it an appointed position. Riley County could be affected by this bill.

County Treasurers, along with the other elected county officials, have statutory requirements to abide by. These statutes were built into law in order to provide for separation of duties and a checks and balances system in County government. Each Treasurer should be able to carry out their respective functions without fear of repercussions from the Board of County Commissioners.

Currently, the Treasurer is solely accountable to the citizens of their respective county. This accountability requires the Treasurer to perform to the best of their ability within the confines of the law in order to be re-elected. If appointed there would be a shift in priorities by the Treasurer in order to insure job security. A disagreement with the Board could result in a new appointment to the position. This would eliminate consistency in the office and the citizens of the county would suffer the consequences.

K.S.A 12-3903(c) already provides procedures a Board of County Commissioners can use to allow the citizens of the county the right to vote on whether any or all elected officials should be appointed. There is no reason to add a statute which singles out the County Treasurer. I respectfully request that you oppose this bill. Thank you very much for your consideration.