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TO: Kansas House Taxation Committee

FROM: Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer

SUBJECT: HB 2377

Chairman Kleeb and Committee members:

Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I am here on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association to speak in opposition of HB 2377. This bill authorizes the board of county commissioners to allow a person to enter into a property tax averaging payment plan and establish a payment plan for the taxes on a property owner's residence.

According to K.S.A. 79-2024, county treasurers are currently able to accept partial payments on both delinquent real and personal property taxes. Many Kansas counties already offer such a plan for these delinquent taxes. Several counties additionally offer an escrow plan to allow property owners to pay their real property taxes monthly. I believe more counties will offer this type of payment in the future as technology improves and becomes more available.

It is already legal for county treasurers to accept partial payments on all delinquent taxes. HB 2377 will increase the workload and expense for Kansas counties. We ask you to leave the law as is and not make a process that works more difficult by passing this legislation. Thank you for allowing me to address you today. I would be happy to answer questions at this time.