February 16, 2016

RE: HB 2564

Honorable Chairman Members of the House Transportation Committee:

I thank you for allowing me to submit testimony relating to HB 2564. I represent the Kansas County Treasurers Association, as President, and I am the Wabaunsee County Treasurer.

The Kansas County Treasurers Association is supportive of additional funding for the Eisenhower preservation fund.

We, as Kansas County Treasurers, should not experience any additional workload or responsibilities as a result of approval of legislation to collect additional registration fees while processing vehicle transactions. At this time, we do feel that it would be appropriate to have a conversation about the needs of Kansas County Motor Vehicle Offices. We are now responsible for many of the duties that were once performed by the Kansas Department of Revenue, Division of Vehicles. After the implementation of the current motor vehicle processing system (MOVRS) all counties have experienced a greatly expanded workload. Current budgets at the state level have, also, resulted in increased duties being transferred to county motor vehicle offices. Along with those additional duties has come the need for many of us to add additional employees and, we have been faced with increased expense to run our offices. Perhaps now would be the time to consider an increase in the county registration fees through the MOVRS system. Kansas County Treasurers are proud to serve their citizens and wish to have adequate resources to serve them.

On behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, I ask that you please consider these things while discussing HB 2564. Kansas County Treasurers and our offices are the points of contact for collecting these fees. Once again, I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill and welcome any questions you have.

Respectfully submitted,

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