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TO: Kansas Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Joe Grisolano, Crawford County Treasurer

SUBJECT: HB 2605

Chairman Petersen 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 2605. This would allow the Kansas Turnpike Authority to place a stop on vehicle registration renewals when a person has outstanding turnpike tolls, penalties, fees, etc. of \$100.00 or more. This is poor public policy as a means to collect past due payments.

As county treasurers, our main duty is the collection and distribution of property taxes for all taxing entities. If a treasurer cannot allow a vehicle owner to renew their annual registration and not collect motor vehicle taxes and registration fees, all entities suffer. This includes the state of Kansas, counties, cities, schools and all other local units of government. County treasurers' offices across the state have taken on additional duties transferred from the state due to the DMVS computer system without any additional revenue or staffing increases. If HB 2605 is implemented, it will make it more difficult for offices to keep customers moving without slowing down the process and causing more delays. Customers who owe outstanding turnpike bills will surely be upset and will slow down our ability to provide the customer service all Kansans deserve.

This legislation was first presented to our association on February 4, 2016, after being written. I urge you to allow county treasurers and the Kansas Turnpike Authority to meet to discuss this situation and create a plan that will work for both organizations and all Kansas citizens. In conclusion, I respectfully ask this committee to not approve HB 2605. I would be happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.