February 10, 2016

RE: HB 2477

Honorable Chairman Kleeb and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on this bill. I represent the Kansas County Treasurers Association, as President, and I am the Wabaunsee County Treasurer.

The Kansas County Treasurers Association does not support HB 2477. We feel the amendment to K.S.A. 8-173 is not necessary. While this statute is useful to counties for collection of personal property taxes it could become much more difficult if real estate taxes would be included. We have multiple owners of single properties (unlike most personal property). Change of ownership of real properties due to death, specifications of the contract of sale, etc. would make it difficult to attach properties to owners' names. It seems that we have the potential of causing undue hardship and frustrations for our taxpayers in the case of multiple property owners or if we have difficulty determining the correct ownership of properties.

Once again, I thank you for your allowing my testimony and ask that you vote against HB 2477. I welcome any questions that you might have.

Respectfully submitted,

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