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The Honorable Marvin Kleeb, Chairman House Tax Committee Capitol Building, Room 582-N Topeka, KS 66612

Re: H.B. 2476 - Testimony in Support

Dear Chairman Kleeb and Members of the Committee:

The Board of Riley County Commissioners unanimously supports H.B. 2476.

The purpose of our H.B. 2476 is to ensure that counties may deduct from payments owed any vendor the amount of delinquent real property taxes owed by that vendor to that county. The current statute already allows this process, but only when delinquent *personal property tax* is owed by the vendor.

We in Riley County see no legitimate reason why a vendor who has the benefit of a county contract should be allowed to leave their real property taxes delinquent and receive payment in full. Under this proposed change, the amount deducted from that vendor's payment would be applied to their delinquent real property taxes. Our proposed change leaves in place the current system which deducts from such payments any amount owed on personal property taxes.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express our County Commission's unanimous support of H.B. 2476.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF RILEY COUNTY, KANSAS

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