

To: Committee on Transportation

From: Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer

Date: February 16, 2016

Re: House Bill 2605

Mr. Chairman and Appropriation Committee Members:

I am offering written testimony in opposition of HB 2605. While I am not opposed to the Kansas Turnpike Authority attempting to collect delinquent tolls, I do oppose the Kansas Turnpike Authority adding additional work to Sedgwick County Tag Offices.

In this Bill, the Kansas Turnpike Authority is suggesting application for registration or renewal of registration not be accepted if the individual has unpaid tolls, penalties, fees or costs owed to the Kansas Turnpike Authority. For example: If an individual owed \$1,000 in vehicle property tax why would I turn this person away to collect any delinquent tolls. We are not an enforcement unit; we are a tax collection agency.

I am statutorily required to collect registration fees and property taxes from vehicle owners in the State of Kansas. I have 107 taxing authorities, including the State of Kansas that are dependent upon the collection of these fees and taxes associated with application for registration and renewal of registrations. I do not feel that collecting delinquent tolls, penalties, fees or costs for the Kansas Turnpike Authority should be a priority over the collection of property taxes.

There are also several duplicate tag numbers between registration types (Antique, Commercial, Veteran, etc.). We spend a great deal of time working with citizens to assist them in straightening out incorrect billings.

As an elected official, my goal is to collect and distribute taxes collected. I see this legislation as a cumbersome and problematic process, which will not benefit anyone other than the Kansas Turnpike Authority. Please do not support this change.

Thank you.

Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer