



KANSAS COUNTY TREASURERS ASSOCIATION

To: Senate Committee on Transportation

From: Christie Bittel, President Kansas County Treasurers Association

February 17, 2015

Re: Senate Bill 215 – Written Testimony

Chairman Petersen & Transportation Committee Members:

My name is Christie Bittel, Rush County Treasurer, and the current President of the Kansas County Treasurers Association (KCTA). Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony on behalf of the KCTA in support of Senate Bill 215, which is intended to improve customer service and reduce costs associated with the motor vehicle renewal process.

Senate Bill 215 creates certainty for taxpayers that they may use a renewal receipt after paying online as proof of current registration, while they are waiting for their registration decal to arrive in the mail. This bill will allow customers to conveniently renew their registration from somewhere other than a motor vehicle office location on the last day of the month, should they so choose. Avoiding a DMV office at the end of the month provides convenience and flexibility for our customers. It also allows for more efficient processing of customers that must visit a DMV office at the end of the month to receive titling and other services. This bill also has the potential to reduce the cost of overtime expense for County Treasurers on the last days of the month. Treasurers from KCTA have been working with the Department of Revenue over the past year through a Stakeholder Advisory Board to bring about a bill that works for all stakeholders. Law enforcement has also provided feedback in the creation of this bill.

We believe this bill improves the motor vehicle renewal process for the motoring public and respectfully request your support of Senate Bill 215 for advancement and further consideration.