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RE: Proponent of HB 2605

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee I would like to thank you for allowing me to express on behalf of the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) our support for HB 2605.

I just wanted to take a couple of minutes to walk you through some of the discussions that have come up as the bill went through the house.

We have taken several questions about who is impacted by this bill and why. The people impacted by this bill are people that will travel in an electronic lane without a transponder, refuse to pay their tolls that they have incurred above \$100, and refused to enter into due process to refute charges.

There have been concerns expressed that the wrong people may have their vehicle registration upheld. The KTA can assure you that people that build up \$100 in tolls, refuse to pay their bills, and have had their license plate verified by a KTA employee will not fall into the category of being wrongly billed. The people ending up in these situations are habitual violators.

Understanding the impact to the county treasurers in our state, two amendments have been added designed to ease the concerns of the county treasurers. One deals with limiting those that would be in this situation, adding language that they would have to incur tolls and fees up to \$100 to ever be subject to HB 2605. The other amendment, deals with compensating treasurers for additional time and efforts in dealing with outstanding unpaid tolls, which will allow the county treasurer to collect the outstanding unpaid tolls and retain 15% of what is collected. The KTA supported both of these added amendments.

Again, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today to further discuss HB 2605 and I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.

Thank you.
Tara Mays