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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.

The KTA has heard from our customers that there is a desire to move away from gated electronic lanes. However, gates prevent the electronic lanes from being used by those who don't have transponders. We understand our customers' expectations have changed as they travel and experience other states' toll facilities. We are working hard to meet these new expectations while making the changes at a pace that is good for Kansans.

The KTA very much wants to provide the safe and efficient travel experience that our customers desire while still collecting the user fees that ultimately pay to support maintenance and improvements to the system. We want to do that in a way that is fiscally responsible so that we don't have to pass huge rate increases along to customers who are paying their tolls today.

KTA is considering a new model for the three high traffic terminals that currently sit on the mainline plazas; Eastern Terminal near Bonner Springs, East Topeka, and Southern Terminal near the Oklahoma border. We are evaluating the transition at these locations because this is where we can make the biggest safety and efficiency enhancements for our customers. We will continue to evaluate any new plazas on a case by case basis.

In Kansas we have the distinct benefit of being able to rely on gathering input and information from the other tolling agencies who have already completed transitions to gateless systems. Most other agencies; including Texas, Colorado, and Oklahoma (for a complete list of states with existing statutory authority to withhold registrations please see attached) who already have this statutory right in place, have resoundingly told us that having the ability to collect from those few customers who will intentionally try to not pay is important before you begin the transition. This will ensure that the KTA won't need to collect more from those that are playing by the rules, allowing us to keep tolls low for everyone who travels the system.

HB 2605 allows us to ensure collection methods by allowing the ability for the KTA to advise the Kansas Department of Revenue not to renew or register a vehicle to those vehicles which are registered to owners who have failed to pay their outstanding tolls. A process chart outlining what would happen for Kansas customers is attached.

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Attachment 2

This legislation also allows that the KTA will be able to issue notices to those that travel on the all electronic lanes without an electronic account. This will allow us to keep the flow of traffic moving in instances where someone is traveling in an all electronic lane. Secondly, this will allow the KTA to assess fees and costs for customers who repeatedly attempt to get into an all electronic lane without paying tolls. This bill will also allow the KTA to investigate and make final determinations when registered owners contest tolls and fines. This bill ensures that customers who want to contest their assessed toll have an avenue to do so through a documented process that has worked well for other states such as Oklahoma.

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

Thank you.
Steve Hewitt
Chief Executive Officer
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State	Agency	Facility	Enforcement Through Vehicle Registrations-Fines	Notes
California	Transportation Corridor Agencies	Foothill Toll Road	Yes	
	Transportation Corridor Agencies	San Joaquin Hills Toll Road	Yes	
	Transportation Corridor Agencies	Eastern Toll Road	Yes	
	San Diego Association of Governments	South Bay Expressway (SR 125)	Yes	
	Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation	Golden Gate Bridge	Yes	
Colorado	E-470 Public Highway Authority	E-470	Yes	
	Northwest Parkway, LLC	Northwest Parkway	Yes	
Florida	Florida Turnpike Enterprise	Florida's Turnpike	Yes	
	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority	Airport Expressway (SR 112)	Yes	
	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority	Dolphin Expressway (SR 836)	Yes	
	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority	Don Shula Expressway (SR 874)	Yes	
	Florida Turnpike Enterprise	Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike	Yes	
	Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority	Lee Roy Selmon Crosstown Expressway	Yes	
	Florida Department of Transportation	Sawgrass Expressway	Yes	
	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority	Gratigny Parkway (SR 924)	Yes	
	Florida Turnpike Enterprise	Veterans Expressway	Yes	
	Miami-Dade Expressway Authority	Snapper Creek Expressway (SR 878)	Yes	
	Florida Turnpike Enterprise	I-4 Selmon Expressway Connector	Yes	
	Mid-Bay Bridge Authority	Walter Francis Spence Parkway	Yes	
	Florida Turnpike Enterprise	Wekiva Parkway	Yes	
	Town of Bay Harbor Islands	Broad Causeway	Yes	
	Miami-Dade County	Rickenbacker Causeway	Yes	
	Miami-Dade County	Venetian Way Causeway	Yes	
Illinois	Skyway Concession Company	Chicago Skyway	Yes	
	Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Jane Addams Memorial Tollway	Yes	
	Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Tri-State Tollway	Yes	
	Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Ronald Reagan Memorial Tollway	Yes	
	Illinois State Toll Highway Authority	Veterans Memorial Tollway	Yes	
Maryland	Maryland Transportation Authority	John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Inter County Connector	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Francis Scott Key Bridge	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Baltimore Harbor Tunnel	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Fort McHenry Tunnel	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge	Yes	
	Maryland Transportation Authority	Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge	Yes	

	Maryland Transportation Authority	Chesapeake Bay Bridge	Yes	
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Department of Transportation	Tobin Memorial Bridge	Yes	
North Carolina	North Carolina Turnpike Authority	Triangle Expressway	Yes	
New York State	Metropolitan Transportation Authority	Henry Hudson Bridge	Yes	passed 1/20/2016
Oklahoma	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Turner Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Will Rogers Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Bailey Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Indian Nation Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Muskogee Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Cimarron Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Cherokee Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	John Kilpatrick Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Chickasaw Turnpike	Yes	
	Oklahoma Turnpike Authority	Creek Turnpike	Yes	
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission	Pennsylvania Turnpike Mainline	Legislation being considered	
Texas	North Texas Tollway Authority	Dallas North Tollway	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	President George Bush Turnpike	Yes	
	Texas Department of Transportation	Camino Colombia Toll Road	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	Sam Rayburn Tollway	Yes	
	North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority	Loop 49	Yes	
	Texas Department of Transportation	SH 45 North	Yes	
	Texas Department of Transportation	SH 130	Yes	
	Texas Department of Transportation	Loop 1	Yes	
	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	183A	Yes	
	Texas Department of Transportation	SH 45 Southeast	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension	Yes	
	Cameron County Regional Mobility Authority	SH 550	Yes	
	SH 130 Concession Company, LLC	SH-130 Extension	Yes	
	Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority	Manor Expressway	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	Chisholm Trail Parkway	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	Addison Airport Toll Tunnel	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	Mountain Creek Lake Bridge	Yes	
	North Texas Tollway Authority	Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge	Yes	
Virginia	United Bridge Partners	Jordan Bridge	Yes	
	Elizabeth River Crossings	Downtown Tunnel	Yes	
	Elizabeth River Crossings	Midtown Tunnel	Yes	

Washington State	Washington State Department of Transportation	Tacoma Narrows Bridge	Yes	
	Washington State Department of Transportation	SR-520 Floating Bridge	Yes	

*Still confirming Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey

PROCESS SUMMARY FOR KANSAS CUSTOMER

