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From: Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer

Date: March 11, 2019

Re: House Bill No. HB 2340

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Taxation Committee:

I am offering written testimony in opposition of House Bill No. HB 2340 which would amend Kansas Statute(s) 2018 Supp. 79-2005. These changes will require County Treasurers to hold tax payments under protest until the objection has been resolved.

Sedgwick County currently distributes collected tax monies to 107 different taxing authorities. Depending on the amount of the tax bill, small townships and school districts will certainly be adversely affected by the holding of portions of their scheduled distribution. Sedgwick County experiences approximately one hundred (100) payments under protests per year. This bill would require the tracking and monitoring of each of these cases through disposition. The additional work needed to conduct this monitoring is unnecessary as once notified by PVD of the outcome, the money is either refunded or distributed immediately.

IT staff report a costly enhancement will be needed to users of Thompson Reuters tax software (currently utilized by Sedgwick County) which would allow a clerk to flag or designate a payment under protest to prevent the system from distributing the monies until the case is resolved.

I conclude by saying, I am in strong opposition of this bill. Currently, if an individual or business makes payment under protest, the monies are distributed thus giving the taxing authority access to the collected money. Reviewing and resolving PUP cases could take months. In the event PVD sides with the taxpayer, a refund is given to the taxpayer.

As an elected official, my goal is to provide accurate, efficient service to my constituents. I see this legislation interrupting monies distributed to taxing authorities who depend on these distributions to meet budgetary obligations. Please reject this change.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Kizzire".

Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer