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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the  
House Committee on Taxation  
Neutral for HB 2116 • March 18, 2019

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer neutral testimony on House Bill 2116. HB 2116 allows taxpayers disputing their tax bill to appear via telephone or video conference. Given the availability of technology, KAC is supportive of this measure to save taxpayers the cost of a trip to Topeka and a potential hotel stay.

However, KAC also believes that county officials should be given the opportunity to appear via telephone or video conference. For many of our counties, appearing in Topeka requires a full day's commitment, taking them away from their other duties, as well as requiring travel time and expense, and potentially hotel costs for our far western counties. Allowing counties to appear via telephone and video conference as well encourages good stewardship of county government resources.

The Kansas Association of Counties would request that the committee add an amendment to allow counties and county officials to appear via telephone or video conference as well. Such an amendment would allow KAC to fully support HB 2116. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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