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House Transportation Committee

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HB 2180

Vernon Reinking, KCTA President, Smith County Treasurer

Good Morning Chairman Proehl and Members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Vernon Reinking, The KCTA President and the Smith County Treasurer. I want to thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony in favor of HB 2180. I support this bill as it will help with the funding for the operation of Motor Vehicle Services in all 105 Counties.

We hope that through our testimony that you will have a better understanding of what we do as County Treasurer's and provide insight regarding some of the challenges that we face on a daily basis. We strive to provide the best services for our counties when collecting taxes, registering a vehicle, registering a commercial vehicle or processing a driver's license while still following state and federal mandates.

Since the implementation of the new motor vehicle registration system back in 2012, KDOR has shifted a lot of responsibilities over to the counties. Title approving was assigned to the counties instead of KDOR. The majority of counties have taken on registering commercial vehicles and 9 counties register apportioned vehicles to reduce the number of registrations at the Topeka offices. On August 15, 2018 KDOR implemented digitalized plating and in October they implemented a new driver's license system. This past fall KDOR stopped all support to our offices for computers, printers and scanners.

KDOR has passed a lot of responsibility over to the counties the past several years and cut off support to our offices. All of these changes have added extra cost and workload to our counties. We have worked diligently over the past year to come up with a bill that will work for all of our counties, big or small to help us with the added cost, whether it be for help or equipment in our offices. We are not asking for a lot, but we feel that we are falling behind on compensation for what we do for the State of Kansas. I feel very strongly about this bill and I hope that you will consider supporting this bill. This is not a tax!!!! It is a fee to help operate our offices. For those of you that don't know how the motor vehicle fund works, if there is money left over on December, 31st of each year, it is transferred over to County General, it does not go to the County Treasurer. This bill is all about helping to fund our motor vehicle services to our counties.

Thank You for allowing me to provide written testimony for HB 2180. I ask that you advance this bill to the committee for further action.

Respectfully



Vernon Reinking
Smith County Treasurer