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Senators:

This letter is in opposition to SB 294. In my opinion, SB 294 does not allow adequate time to notify taxpayers before budgets are approved. Currently we receive budgets by August 25<sup>th</sup>. This bill shortens the time that the clerks would have to process the abstract. I would have to hire more staff to mail out notifications during the time that we are finishing a Primary Election and getting ready for the General Election.

Below is part of the statute for the Board of County Commissioners:

**19-212. Powers of board of commissioners.** The board of county commissioners of each county shall have the power, at any meeting:

*Fifth.* Apportion and order the levying of taxes as provided by law.

I believe that the taxpayers have made their decision when they voted for Commissioners, City Council or School Board members. They have entrusted them with the financial decisions of the governing bodies. I strongly urge you to not place this unnecessary burden on the governing bodies on top of the tax lid.

Thank you for considering my suggestion to oppose SB 294. I value you as Elected Officials and know that you also do your best to honor the demands of the people.

Sincerely,

Lynda Goodrich  
Wichita County Clerk