



**Shane Krull**  
County Administrator

TO: Chairperson Shannon Francis and Members of the Kansas House Transportation Committee

FROM: Shane Krull, County Administrator

RE: House Bill 2148 – Proponent Testimony

Date: February 3, 2023

Honorable Chairperson Francis and Members of the Kansas House Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the Miami County, County Commission, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony for House Bill 2148. Over the last several years, we watched rising costs associated with our Motor Vehicle Office. With wavering revenues of approximately \$345,000 and annual deficits exceeding \$72,800, it is necessary to budget for all motor vehicle expenses such as paper, toner, utilities, salaries and benefits within the General Fund. The costs associated with computer equipment, previously provided by the State of Kansas, have also become the responsibility of county government, with no additional financial support to help fund these requirements; necessities to provide our public with a state service.

As a county government, it is our goal to be fiscally responsible, reducing property taxes and expenses when possible. House Bill 2148 provides financial support for county motor vehicle offices, without increasing cost to the customer. Due to the removal of the \$4.00 DMV Modernization Fee contained in House Bill 2148, the average customer will see a \$2.36 decrease. This Bill not only strengthens the revenue our office will see but will also provide the ability to reduce our county mill levy, lessening the property tax burden for our taxpayers.

Thank you for your time and consideration on House Bill 2148.

Sincerely,

Shane Krull  
County Administrator