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The Honorable Chair Shannon Francis  
House Transportation Committee  
State Capitol, Room 582-N  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Written Testimony in Support of House Bill 2148

Dear Chair Francis and members of the Committee:

This Board unanimously supports passage of HB 2148.

Our County Treasurer, Shilo Heger, works hard alongside her staff every day performing the state function of motor vehicle registration and tagging. She does so in a manner which makes maximum use of the existing fee structure. But that state fee structure merits the changes proposed in HB 2148.

Because the current fees support only a portion of the real personnel and resource costs of this state function, the balance must be made up by this and other counties. And that balance must come from this county's (and other counties') primary operating revenue—real property taxes.

That means local taxpayer dollars must be used to fund this state function.

The advantage of HB 2148 is that it reduces the amount of local taxpayer property tax dollars which will be needed to pay for motor vehicle registration and tagging. This is a clear benefit to local property taxpayers across Kansas. It's a goal which deserves the legislature's support.

Thank you for allowing this Board to speak in support of passage of HB 2148.

Sincerely,

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