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The Honorable Chair Mike Petersen  
Senate Transportation Committee  
Room 546-S  
300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: Written Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 90

Dear Chair Petersen and members of the Committee:

This Board unanimously supports passage of SB 90.

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 SB 90.

The current fee structure supports only a small portion of the real personnel and resource costs to this county of performing a state function. So the balance of those real costs must be made up by this and other counties. Of course, that unpaid balance must come from this county's (and other counties') primary operating revenue source—real property taxes.

This means local taxpayer dollars must be used to fund what is undeniably a state function.

SB 90 reduces the amount of local taxpayer property tax dollars needed to pay for motor vehicle registration and tagging. And that positive change benefits 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 your passage of SB 90.

Sincerely,

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