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To: Senator Tyson, Chair of the Senate Committee on Taxation

From: Shilo Heger, Riley County Treasurer

Re: Proponent to House Bill 2228

Senator Tyson and members of the Taxation Committee, my name is Shilo Heger, Riley County Treasurer. I am writing you today on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association in support of House Bill 2228. Currently K.S.A. 79-213 allows the County Treasurer to exempt personal property taxes for motor vehicles at the time of registration for our Kansas military per K.S.A. 79-5107(e). However, the registration of recreational vehicles are governed under a separate statute K.S.A. 79-5121(e). The change to this bill would allow the County Treasurer to exempt the personal property taxes for recreational vehicles at the time of registration as well.

The approval of this bill would provide continuity and consistency within the treasurer's office on how we handle Kansas military vehicle registrations. It will also benefit our military customers by allowing us to handle the exemption when they register instead of requiring them to apply for the exemption through the Board of Tax Appeals. I respectfully request that you support this bill.