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**Testimony of John Smith, Stanton County Commissioner  
Before the House Committee on Taxation  
House Bill No. 2368  
March 13, 2019**

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Chairman Johnson and Members of the Committee:

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPG) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today. KLPG is a non-partisan, non-profit organization comprised of elected commissioners representing the collective interests of 34 rural Kansas counties. We appreciate the opportunity to submit remarks in support of House Bill No. 2368.

House Bill No 2368 permits cities and counties to spend increased property tax revenues on expenses relating to transportation projects without requiring a resolution to be approved by an election under certain conditions.

The tax lid limits the ability of cities and counties to provide new funds or in some cases matching funds for transportation projects. Transportation projects help our communities grow and prosper, but sometime we all have had to forego that growth and needed maintenance due to funding concerns.

Removing this limitation provides an option for local government that can assist in leveraging transportation improvement dollars and enhance our ability improve our communities.

County commissioners are deliberate in their spending choices and take the best interests of their communities into every decision they make especially when it comes to transportation related projects.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present this written testimony to the Committee. I encourage you to consider House Bill No. 2368 favorably.

John Smith  
President