



March 18, 2019

RE: Written Neutral Testimony regarding HB 2369

Dear Chairman and Members of the House Appropriations Committee,

I would like to thank you for allowing the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) to provide written neutral testimony regarding HB 2369.

We strongly support this bill as amended by the Senate to include:

- **Kansas Turnpike Authority approval of the construction of the toll project;**
- **The requirement that toll revenue only be used for the project;**
- **The requirement that toll projects must add capacity;**
- **That tolls shall be charged to all users of the toll project.**

Further, the KTA supports the provision that local unit(s) of government and the secretary agree to work as partners on new toll projects.

KTA is prepared to be a partner with Kansas Department of Transportation, local communities and/or private stakeholders to deliver transportation solution around the state if tolling is deemed a feasible option.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding HB 2369.

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