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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

I am submitting my written testimony in support of Senate Bill 96.

The changes being requested to KSA 8-145d under this bill would give every county Treasurer in the State of Kansas the ability to independently support the function of motor vehicle processing into the future.

In Wyandotte County, we currently utilize the satellite fee allowed in KSA 8-145d for counties with multiple facilities to recover the costs of maintaining a second office that is more convenient for many of our taxpayers. In doing so, we have been able to maintain a slight positive balance in the motor vehicle fund for the past 2 years. This has gotten significantly more difficult since May, 2012.

With the implementation of the new motor vehicle system in May of 2012, many functions were shifted from the state level to the county level, including but not limited to, entry of additional information at the front line, scanning of all necessary documentation, the detailed review and approval of every title transaction and the follow up correspondence with citizens. This increased level of responsibility has also shifted the cost to the county level with no avenue to increase revenues.

The Treasurer's Office of Wyandotte County supports SB96 in order to give all counties the ability to have the option to add necessary revenue to maintain the Motor Vehicle fund into the future and provide this valuable service to the citizens of the State of Kansas.

I was not able to appear in person today, but would welcome any follow up questions from the committee via phone or email.

I would like to thank the Senate Committee on Transportation for hearing my testimony and considering this issue.

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