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SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 96
IN THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
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Chairman Richard Proehl and Members of the Transportation Committee, my name is Mike Billinger, Ellis County Treasurer. I apologize for not presenting my support of Senate Bill 96 in person but several commitments required me to remain in Ellis County. I do sincerely appreciate this opportunity to provide my written support for S.B. 96 today.

I will not restate the detailed information provided from other County Treasurers who have presented the justification for the passage of S.B. 96 as I am in complete agreement with their statements. But I would like to briefly reiterate that the Ellis County Motor Vehicle Services Office shares many of the same funding problems that have been mentioned this afternoon.

The bottom line is that processing transactions over the counter requires more employee time than transactions by mail or over the internet. The personal interaction translates into more per transaction costs. The workload now required by the new system from support staff for edit responsibilities and accounting functions came without revenue to offset the additional expenses. By your support and the passage of S.B. 96 as amended, the legislature will give County Treasurers the option of having additional funding in the future to provide a level of acceptable personal service which our customers truly expect and deserve. This bill will allow funding to pay other increasing operational costs and employee benefits associated with our new responsibilities.

If you have any questions or issues regarding how S.B. 96 will affect the Ellis County Motor Vehicles Services office, please feel free to contact me at 785-628-9465 or treasury@ellisco.net.

Once again thank you for your time and consideration on this extremely important subject.

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