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Chairman Smith and members of the House Committee on Taxation

Re: House Bill #2002-Proponent Testimony

The Sedgwick County Clerk's office is in full support of House Bill 2002 proposing to permanently finance the cost reimbursement for the Notification of Truth in Taxation mailer from the Revenue Neutral Rate legislation passed in 2021. The current reimbursement from the state of Kansas is set to expire after this year's mailing. Beginning in 2024, my staff would spend additional time to invoice, bill and collect the administrative costs from each district who determines the need to increase their budget above revenue neutral. Many of our districts have exceptionally small budgets and the costs of the mailer becomes an added cost to the taxpayers they serve. This seems counterproductive. I fully support HB 2002 and the permanent funding for the Truth in Taxation mailing.

Respectfully,

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