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To: House Taxation Committee

From: Brandi Baily, Sedgwick County Treasurer

Date: February 24, 2023

Re: House Bill 2317

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Taxation Committee:

I am offering written testimony in support of House Bill 2317 which allows for the electronic distribution of tax statements, to those taxpayers opting to receive them electronically, rather than delivery via costly first-class mail.

Currently, Sedgwick County spends approximately \$160,000 per year on paper, envelopes, printing, and postage to mail tax bills. Additionally, we see a yearly 5% cost increase for these products and services. The electronic delivery of utility and credit card bills, bank statements, etc. has become a common and preferred method of conveyance by the private sector. It makes sense this same service be offered by local government.

In 2021, SB13 was passed into law, giving County Clerks the ability to provide an electronic distribution of revenue neutral rate notices to taxpayers who opt to receive them electronically. HB 2317 provides County Treasurer's this same mechanism of tax bill delivery.

As an elected official, I am entrusted with the stewardship of our taxpayers' money. I take this very seriously and firmly believe House Bill 2317 has the potential to save a significant amount of taxpayer's money while expediting the delivery of tax bills, to those who opt-in.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this written testimony in support of HB2317. I respectfully request you pass this bill out of committee.

Thank you,

Brandi Baily, Sedgwick County Treasurer

