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To: Senator Peterson and members of the Senate Transportation Committee

RE: Support of Senate Bill 119

Senator Peterson and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding the current allocation of fees collected in processing vehicle titles and registrations. My name is Renee Neff, and I serve as the County Treasurer of Trego County and am the current President of the Kansas County Treasurers Association (KCTA). Today I urge your support of Senate Bill 119, reallocating the distribution fee system to ensure fair compensation for county treasurers, who serve as agents of the state in processing titling and registering vehicles.

As county treasurers, we are tasked with the critical responsibility of processing vehicle titles and registrations on behalf of the state. While we perform this essential function, the fees collected through these transactions are disproportionately allocated to the state, leaving counties with inadequate compensation for the costs incurred. This financial strain affects our ability to efficiently serve the public while maintaining responsible fiscal management.

Currently, counties receive only \$0.75 per transaction for registrations and the state receives \$29.25 vehicles that weigh 4,500 pounds or less and \$0.75 per transaction for registrations and the state receives \$39.25 for vehicles weighing 4,500 pounds or more. However, the actual cost of processing these transactions – staffing, technology, office overhead, and customer service – far exceeds the compensation provided. This imbalance places an undue burden on county resources, forcing local governments to subsidize state-mandated services by ad valorem tax dollars.

County treasurers play a vital role in administering state functions, yet we are compensated at levels that do not reflect the true cost of service delivery. I urge this committee to support Senate Bill 119. Thank you for your time and consideration.