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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties the opportunity to testify in support of SB 190. SB 190 presents a potential funding mechanism for counties to pay for road projects without burdening local taxpayers with any additional property or sales taxes.

Kansas Counties are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the majority of the roads in the state of Kansas. This responsibility is critical to the economic viability of the state, as Kansas roads allow goods and people to move throughout the state. Maintaining and improving this transportation system is critical to the future of the state.

The Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund (LAVTR) has existed in Kansas statutes for many years. However, the fund has not received any contributions since 2003. This has increasingly placed the burden of revenue generation on local property taxes, particularly in counties that do not have a large retail presence to allow them to generate funds to supplement the county budget through a countywide sales tax.

Allowing transfers from the State General Fund to LAVTR will assist all counties in Kansas in making the Kansas highway system the best system in the country.

We ask that the committee recommend SB 190 for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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