

DOUGLAS COUNTY TREASURER

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Testimony in support of House Bill 2317

Mr. Chairman and Member of the committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal to allow the electronic mailing of tax statements for property taxes. HB 2317 will greatly benefit our county and our taxpayers in several ways.

First and foremost, delivering tax statements electronically will save time and resources for our county. By eliminating the need for physical mailings, we can reduce our printing and mailing costs, as well as the time and effort needed to process and send out tax statements. This will allow us to allocate our resources more efficiently and effectively, which is particularly important given the current economic challenges that many counties are facing. In 2022, Douglas County mailed 63,000 tax statements and spent \$44,000 for printing and mailing. HB 2317 would help reduce the costs.

Moreover, electronic delivery of tax statements will provide greater convenience and flexibility for our taxpayers. Many people today prefer to receive and manage their important documents digitally, and allowing electronic delivery of tax statements will give them more options for accessing and paying their property taxes. This can be particularly beneficial for those who live out of state or have moved away from the area but still own property in our county. By offering this service, we can make it easier for taxpayers to stay up-to-date on their tax obligations and avoid late fees or penalties.

Overall, I believe that electronic delivery of tax statements is a sensible and responsible step to take to improve our tax administration process and better serve our taxpayers. I strongly urge you to support HB 2317 and help us move towards a more efficient future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adam T. Rains
Douglas County Treasurer