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House Standing Committee on Federal and State Affairs

RE: SB10

Dear Representatives,

I am Kay Pesnell, Register of Deeds for Douglas County, Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to address this committee.

I am writing in opposition to Bill SB10.

Douglas County Register of Deeds staff is happy to serve the citizens of this county. This office receives anywhere from 25 – 50 requests a day. This office supplied 32,582 copies in 2013. This includes e-mail, fax, phone, mail and citizens who walk in for information. Some of these requests are in the form of a list asking for multiple books and pages to be sent. Requests for large plat copies require paper that is 24"x36". This paper is \$40.00 a roll.

As with any business the effort to fulfill these requests takes staff time, machines, and paper. The cost for Douglas County to lease our copy machines is over \$80,000.00 a year. With our charges of \$.25 - \$.50 a page we do not recover the cost of our leasing agreement. The copy charges for Douglas County were set by the Commissioners and have not changed since 2006.

Bill SB10 only encourages the Oil and Gas Companies, Title companies, Attorneys, etc. to take advantage of County Government. My staff would fulfill their requests for 25 free pages a day and yet those entities do not give away their service for free.

I would encourage you vote NO on this bill and not cripple County Government by taking away another source of revenue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Kay Pesnell
Douglas County Register of Deeds