Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the House Committee on Taxation Proponent Testimony on SB 265 • March 11, 2020

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 265, which would require that the state board of tax appeals serve notices by electronic means if requested by the party. KAC supports attempts to make government more efficient and supports this bill as written.

It is important to note that KAC supports this bill because it only triggers at the request of a party. While Kansas courts have moved to electronic filings, KAC recognizes that not all taxpayers within the state utilize e-mail on a regular basis for business purposes. Additionally, KAC recognizes that the availability of high speed internet connections throughout the state is inconsistent, making electronic service difficult to accomplish in some areas.

Because this bill requires the request and consent of the person to receive those electronic transmissions, KAC supports this bill in its current form. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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