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Honorable Kansas State Senator Caryn Tyson, Chair Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee and Distinguished Members of the Committee

RE: Senate Bill 294

Thank you for allowing me to express my concerns regarding SB294 in its current form. As a tax payer and elected official, I support transparency and truth in taxation. In its current form I believe this bill will be expensive, confusing to citizens and the timeline is problematic.

My colleagues have detailed the many problems and suggested some solutions. There for, I would like to give a small sample of the tax districts that affect one household.

Tax payers residing in the City of Niotaze would receive notice from the following taxing districts;

STATE COUNTY CEMETERY #3 AMBULANCE #2 SEK R LIBRARY FIRE DISTRICT #2 USD 436 LITTLE CANEY TOWNSHIP USD 436 RECREATION COMMISSION NIOTAZE CITY ROLLING PRAIRIE EXTENSION DIST #8

Please consider the cost of sending each tax payer a notification for each taxing entity. This would result in additional expense to the taxpayer. In our office, it has the potential of requiring an additional part-time employee.

I fear that instead of educating the taxpayer, this process would add confusion because of the multiple tax notices from various entities.

Sincerely,

Niki Collier

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