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TO: Senate Commerce Committee

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RE: Support for HB 2316

Thank you for the opportunity to appear today on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities. We appear in support of HB 2316.

We have received numerous calls from cities, and in particular small cities, who have tried to streamline their payroll process and have encountered one or two employees who refuse to accept payment via a direct deposit transfer. These cities are trying in good faith to provide government services more efficiently and effectively, but one or two individuals have used the provisions of K.S.A. 44-314 to hamper the process by demanding a “paper” check. This is clearly a duplication of services which imposes an unnecessary burden for local taxpayers.

Authorizing the use of electronic transfers will save time and money at the local level. LKM strongly supports the use of technology to provide government services in a more efficient manner. Further, we support the right of cities, as local employers, to determine the method by which their employees will be paid. Also in this bill is a provision that will allow the employer to issue payroll cards for those employees who do not have a checking account. This provides the convenience for employees of having access to their wages with the cost-saving benefit to employers by not having to issue “paper” checks each payroll period.

For these reasons, we urge your favorable consideration of HB 2316 and I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.