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Representative Scott Schwab Chairman, House Committee on Insurance State Capital Building 300 SW 10th Ave. Room 151-S Topeka, KS 66612

Re: American Family Insurance's support for Senate Bill 54

Mr. Chairman and Members:

American Family Insurance insures approximately thirteen percent of the automobiles and homes in the state. We offer insurance products through some 200 appointed producers who reside throughout the state.

We support Senate Bill 54. Senate Bill 54 allows auto insurance companies the option of using new United States postal service technologies with advanced mail tracking capabilities to notify named insureds of nonrenewal and cancellation. In addition to the current methods of providing such notices by certificate of mailing or certified mail, Senate Bill 54 permits the notices to be provided by first class mail using intelligent mail barcode or other mail tracking methods used, approved or accepted by the United States postal service.

The new technologies use barcodes which provide more detailed evidence of proof of mailing than required under current law. The new technologies are less labor intensive and more cost effective for insurance companies.

In sum, Senate Bill 54 permits automobile insurance companies the option to use new postal service technologies without sacrificing the consumer protections provided in the current law.

We urge you to support Senate Bill 54. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information to the committee.

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David Monaghan