

Before the House Standing Committee on Transportation

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On Behalf of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission

Chair Proehl, Vice Chair Ryckman, Sr., Ranking Minority Member Lusker and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before your committee today on behalf of the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Commission). My name is Mike Hoeme, and I am the Director of the Transportation Division.

The Transportation Division appreciates and understands the Kansas Motor Carriers Association's (KMCA's) concern with the current statutory and regulatory requirements for a corporation to be represented by counsel in Commission proceedings. As a result, the Transportation Division met with Senate Transportation Committee Chair Petersen and Tom Whitaker of the KMCA to suggest an amended version of SB 150 that we believe provides additional protection to corporations by requiring "a duly authorized representative of the corporation" or an attorney to enter an appearance on behalf of the motor carrier.

Regarding transportation hearings, the Commission is open to treating civil penalties of \$500 or less in a manner similar to small claims proceedings.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today, and I will be available to answer questions at the appropriate time.