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Chairman Peterson, Vice-Chairman Wolf, and members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2044. I helped draft HB2044 at the urging of constituents that wishes to sell and own autocycles in the state of Kansas.

These vehicles are not necessarily cars and aren't necessarily motorcycles, therefore the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators has recommended that a new classification be created in the states, the autocycle. While a motorcycle has handlebars and requires you to straddle or sit astride, the autocycle has a steering wheel and the operator sits in a seat. Motorcycles driving tests are simply not applicable to the autocycle.

If this change is not made, anyone wishing to drive an autocycle in Kansas would have to have a motorcycle license, including those from out of state wishing to cross into Kansas. This could create situations where motorists from other states with the autocycle classification do not have a motorcycle license and immediately break Kansas law when they drive across the state line.

When drafting this legislation, the example used was that of Elio Motors, an Arizona company that plans to start manufacturing these autocycles in their plant in Shreveport, LA in 2016. <http://www.eliomotors.com>. Pictures and specifications are attached to my testimony from their website.

Thank you for your time, and I will stand for questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Travis L. Couture-Lovelady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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55 hp and 55 ft lbs of torque

Interior measurements, seats 2 in tandem:

Headroom: Driver 39.8" Passenger 36.4"
Seat width: Driver 20.6" Passenger 25.3"
Interior Shoulder Width: 26.8"
Front seat Legroom: 42.7"
Rear seat Legroom: 33.1"
Trunk Size: 27" x 14" x 10"

Exterior measurements:

Overall Length: 160.5"
Front Wheel Track: 66.8" (center rim to center rim)
Wheelbase: 110" (center of front wheels to center of rear wheel)
Overall Height: 54.2"
Ground Clearance: 5.75"

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