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Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Transportation Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support for HB 2220. This bill allows cities greater flexibility to prudently adjust speed limits on city streets in residential areas without the requirement to purchase an engineering study on speed recommendations. I believe there is a need for this flexibility and the cost savings will be helpful for many cities.

Cities appear to be interested in reducing the speed limits on residential streets, determining that the 30 mph norm is a safety concern for these locations. A city in Pottawatomie County recently lowered speed limits on various residential streets from 30 mph to 25 mph and 20 mph, and now another city is attempting an engineering study to do the same. Online searches show other cities in Kansas and around the country making similar speed changes on their residential streets.

HB 2220 will allow reasonable flexibility for cities to make a small speed limit adjustment to their residential streets without incurring the additional cost of an engineering study and the lengthy (and somewhat confusing) situation that comes along with that process.

Thanks for allowing my testimony and for your consideration of this bill.

Francis Awekamp, District 61

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Francis Awekamp', with a long, sweeping flourish at the end.