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**Senate Bill 68**

Chairman Peterson and Senate Transportation Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Senate Transportation Committee in Support of **Senate Bill 68**. The proposed changes to the Statute relating to driver's license examination locations seems like a positive step to the issue facing those in rural Kansas to renew or apply for Commercial Drivers Licenses in a convenient location. The size and scope of agriculture business has changed over the years with almost all utilizing tractor/trailers to move commodities requiring CDL licenses.

Today many farmers and businessmen and women drive 150 to 300 miles to take a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) exam. This is an inconvenience as they are required to leave their job for a day to complete the exam. With the limited number of locations and examiners, a real problem is created when a driver is not able to complete the exam in one trip and is required to make a second trip to complete the exam requiring additional time away from their job.

My understanding is that **Senate Bill 68** will allow the Department the flexibility to adjust locations and personnel to fit the demands and work load of the Licensing Division.

Thank you for your time and consideration of **SB 68**.

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