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## LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

BY THE

**KANSAS MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION**

**In Support of House Bill No. 2202**

**Presented to the Senate Transportation Committee**

**Senator Mike Petersen, Chairman**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2013**

### **MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear before you this morning representing our 1,000 member companies and the Kansas trucking industry in support of House Bill No. 2202.

HB 2202 will extend the Governor's emergency declaration for a state of drought beyond the current 30 day limit. The emergency declaration will be effective until such time that it is terminated by the Governor. The drought emergency declaration will allow for continuous transportation of hay or related animal forage feedstuffs to the area specified in the declaration.

KMCA offered two amendments to HB 2202 in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The first amendment on Page 1, line 25, removed the words "or rain." The language in HB 2202 already prohibits transportation during moderate or heavy rain. Removal of this language ascertains transportation can continue when the pavement is merely wet.

The second amendment eliminated the words, "or an interstate license as an interstate exempt carrier," found on page 2, line 3. The KCC no longer issues an interstate license.

KMCA supports HB 2202 as amended in the House and asks for your favorable consideration of the bill. We thank you for the opportunity to appear before the Committee today. I would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

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