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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Support of HB2318
March 20, 2013**

Chairman Petersen and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2318 as amended by the House Committee and the additional safety margin it provides to motorcyclists on our streets and highways. Alternative lighting designs for motorcycles, within federal standards, serve to enhance the visibility of the motorcycle to other vehicle operators.

A significant percentage of serious motorcycle accidents involve another driver failing recognize the presence of the motorcycle. This is a very simple preventative approach that should result in a reduction of these types of accidents.

The amendments made by the House Committee on lines 31 and 32 regarding side lamps were made at our request. The basis of that request was to restrict the color of the sidelights to be consistent with the side lamp provisions for other vehicles which are restricted to *white, amber, or red without glare*. See KSA 8-1723. We believe a consistent approach to side light color should be followed. We encourage you to retain those revisions.

We encourage you to recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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