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Written Comments to the House Insurance Committee

In Opposition to HB 2067

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I am Larrie Ann Brown, Legislative Counsel for The Property Casualty Insurers Association of America (PCI). PCI is comprised of more than 1,000 member companies that write $183 billion in annual premium, or 35 percent of the nation's property casualty premium volume and 45% of the total personal auto business in the nation. PCI members represent 39 percent of the total property and casualty insurance business in the Kansas. PCI appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments in opposition to HB 2067.

Kansas currently has a motor vehicle Financial Responsibility (F.R.) law that requires an owner of a motor vehicle to have full liability insurance coverage. The basic F.R. limits in KS are $25,000/$50,000/$10,000 which provide minimum coverage up to $50,000 for all persons injured in an accident, subject to a limit of $25,000 for one individual and $10,000 coverage for property damage.

HB 2067 would raise the financial responsibility minimums for drivers in Kansas to $50,000/$75,000/$35,000. Many drivers in Kansas may not be able to afford anything but the current basic F.R. limits and many do not need additional liability coverage. Excess liability protection simply adds costs to the insurance system and to consumers and therefore may lead to more drivers with no insurance. Those who want to have greater protection are certainly free to purchase higher limits, but why encourage more uninsured by raising the affordability of the policies?

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comment and PCI respectfully requests you oppose HB 2067.