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TESTIMONY

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Before: The House Committee on Taxation

By: Woody Moses, Managing Director
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Regarding: HB 2427, Providing for a \$.05 increase in motor fuel taxes.

Good Afternoon Chairman Kleeb and Members of the Committee:

My name is Woody Moses, Managing Director of the Kansas Aggregate Producers' Association and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association. The Kansas Aggregate Producer's Association (KAPA) and the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association (KRMCA) are state wide trade associations comprised of over 170 members located or conducting operations in all 165 legislative districts in this state, providing basic building materials to all Kansans. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to express our opposition to HB 2427.

While on the surface HB 2427 appears to be a well-intentioned attempt, if you will, to restore partial funding to TWORKS; it is in fact a Trojan horse in that it really does not solve the problem. In effect giving TWORKS guaranteed dollars in return for dollars that have been promised but have never materialized. However, in the long run, the continued removal of sales tax dollars will only fuel the eventual demise of TWORKS. In our opinion, this legislature needs to develop realistic solutions to the revenue problems we are faced with by consideration of sales tax or even the restoration of income taxes. In our opinion, there is no other way to complete TWORKS as initially envisioned and passed in 2010.