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Legislative Testimony by the Kansas Motor Carriers Association

Presented before the
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Representative Richard Proehl, Chairman
Tuesday, February 3, 2015

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. On behalf of our 950 member-firms and the Kansas trucking industry, I appear here this afternoon in opposition to House Bill No. 2033. HB 2033 creates yet another "buffer" allowing individuals to exceed the posted speed limit. KMCA is opposed to "buffers" and supports uniform speed limits with strict enforcement of such speed limits.

Current Kansas law provides that the following speeding violations shall not be considered moving violations: (1) Any conviction or forfeiture of bail or bond for violating a maximum posted or authorized speed limit of 30 miles per hour or more but not exceeding 54 miles per hour on any highway, by not more than six miles per hour, shall not be construed as a moving violation; (2) any conviction or forfeiture of bail or bond for violating a maximum posted or authorized speed limit of 55 miles per hour or more but not exceeding 75 miles per hour on any highway, by more than 10 miles per hour, shall not be construed as a moving violation, and (3) any violation as described in (1) and (2) above shall not be used in determining a rate charged for automobile liability insurance and shall not be reported to the Division of Vehicles.

HB 2033 proposes a third such "buffer" of which we ask the Committee to reject this bill. In addition, KMCA would support repeal of K.S.A. 8-1560c and K.S.A. 8-8-1560d which contain the current speed limit "buffers."

We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.