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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

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Before: The House Committee on Transportation

By: Woody Moses, Managing Director
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Regarding: HB 2242 - An act, concerning axle weight limits equipment in aggregate production

Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Kansas Aggregate Producer's Association (KAPA) is a statewide trade association comprised of over 100 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 provide these comments in support of HB2242.

HB 2242, introduced at our request, is a bill which seeks to provide clarification or a "brightline", if you will, regarding the application of axle weight limits on off-road equipment for aggregate production. The bill would simply codify, or place into statute, the current unwritten policy our industry has been operating under since its creation in the 1920's. This policy simply states that all machinery or equipment used in aggregate production are allowed to use our roads.

Approval of HB 2242 will provide good public policy by:

- Providing policy consistency for the aggregate industry; which
- Translates to lower aggregate prices for our customers including our largest customer, the State of Kansas and its political subdivisions,

- Avoids inherent safety issues from not having to transport equipment on trailers, and
- Has no fiscal impact.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I will be happy to respond to any questions you may have at the appropriate time.