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KANSAS MOTOR CARRIERS ASSOCIATION

In Support of Senate Bill No. 21

Presented Before The

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Representative Richard Proehl, Chairman

Tuesday, March 10, 2015

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear before you this afternoon representing our 930 member firms and the Kansas trucking industry in support of Senate Bill No. 21. The bill is a result of a task force formed to review the implications of House Substitute for Senate Bill 273, which was approved at the very end of the 2014 Session of the Kansas Legislature.

SB 21 retains the exemption for private carriers, operating vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating between 10,001 pounds and 26,000 pounds, from the Kansas Corporation Commission's registration and safety requirements when operating in intrastate commerce. Further, the bill eliminates the sunset provisions for this exemption. SB 21 re-established the registration and safety requirements for "for-hire" carriers such as tow trucks and household goods transporters.

We want to commend members of this Committee and the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission for their work on the task force which agreed to the contents of Senate Bill No. 21.

KMCA respectfully requests the House Transportation Committee act favorably on SB 21. We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this afternoon and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

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