

To: House Committee on Transportation, Representative Proehl, Chairman
From: Ryan Flickner, Kansas Farm Bureau
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Re: HB 2503 – Relating to Vehicle Registration fees and the Kansas Highway Patrol

Good morning Chairman Proehl and Members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to present written testimony on behalf of the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) in opposition to HB 2503. KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 40,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

KFB recognizes the importance of public safety and the good work that agencies such as the Kansas Highway Patrol does. However, KFB policy is opposed to funding these public safety activities through vehicle registration fees.

KFB policy makes it clear that revenues generated through collections of vehicle registration fees should be channeled into transportation programs. This bill does not meet that requirement. Furthermore, farmers and ranchers often register many more vehicles than the average Kansas citizen in order to utilize these vehicles in their operation. Therefore, this increase in fees will likely have a disproportionate impact on Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Thank you for your time, and we ask you to oppose HB 2503.