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Written Only Testimony in Support of HB 2644
to
The House Transportation Committee
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Good morning Chairmen Proehl and members of the committee. My name is Josh Roe and I'm an Assistant Secretary for the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA).

An important facet of the agricultural industry in Kansas is the ability to efficiently move agricultural products to market. KDA supports all efforts to improve transportation efficiency so long as safety and infrastructure are not jeopardized. A 2015 Kansas Department of Transportation study stated that as long as heavier loads are distributed over additional axles, wear and tear impacts are minimal. KDA also supports aligning transportation regulations with neighboring states so that our agricultural producers, suppliers and processors compete on a level playing field.

Thank you for your time and consideration.