

To: House Transportation Committee, Rep. Richard Proehl, Chair
From: Greg Krissek, Kansas Corn Growers Association
Date: February 17, 2016
Re: **HB 2644** – Concerning Weight Limitations

Chairman Proehl and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2644 on behalf of the Kansas Corn Growers Association. My name is Greg Krissek. I am providing this testimony in my role as CEO of the Kansas Corn Growers Association (KCGA.) KCGA represents Kansas corn producers on a variety of issues that concern our members.

KCGA policy supports a limited seasonal harvest exemption on weight limits for trucks moving grain from field to original destination. HB 2644 addresses this concern by allowing trucks to exceed weight limitations by 10-12.5% on non-interstate highways. The bill allows these trucks to operate within 50 miles of the harvest field during harvest season. The bill also limits the total weight of any vehicle using this exemption to not exceed 90,000 pounds. This legislation will help ensure that Kansas farmers can get their products to market in an efficient manner during harvest season.

We respectfully ask that this committee pass HB 2644 out of committee favorably. Thank you.