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LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Presented By
Kansas Motor Carriers Association
Before The
Senator Mike Petersen, Chairman
Friday, March 11, 2016

In Opposition to House Bill No. 2643

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, executive director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear here this morning representing our 950 member companies and the Kansas trucking industry in opposition to HB 2643 which allows the Secretary of Transportation to increase the speed limit on all highways located outside of urban areas.

KMCA supports uniform speed limits on Kansas highways and strict enforcement of such speed limits. While HB 2643 does provide for a uniform speed limit on certain highways, the bill does not eliminate the current "speed limit buffer." Kansas currently has a de facto 85 mph speed limit on certain separated multilane highways and 75 mph on many two-lane highways. Speeding violations not in excess of 10 mph are not reported to the Division of Vehicle, are not considered as a moving violation and cannot be used in determining the rate charged for an automobile liability insurance policy or whether to cancel such policy.

If the Committee decides to advance HB 2643, KMCA respectfully requests that the "speed limit buffer" be repealed. We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

