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House Committee on Transportation

TO: **CHAIR:** REP. RICHARD PROEHL,
VICE CHAIR: REP. SHANNON FRANCIS
Ranking Minority Member: Rep. Adam Lusker

RE: HB 2194

From: ABATE of Kansas

Date: February 8, 2017

Chairman Proehl, Vice Chair Francis, Ranking Minority Member Lusker, and Committee members.

I am Steve Christenberry, representing ABATE of Kansas, a motorcycle rights organization. I am also the President of Smart Motorcyclists Attend Rider Training, Inc., a rider training program in Shawnee County. I am here to provide support from our membership for HB 2194, as amended, which would exempt veterans, military, and law enforcement from driver's license fees for class "M" (motorcycle) endorsements. Equally important clauses in the bill would allow the Department of Revenue Motor Vehicle office to accept motorcycle rider education completion certificates from curriculum recognized by the Department of Education. The interpretation of the current legislation allows only military personnel to present the completion card and their military ID to obtain their "M" endorsement. All other persons completing a recognized rider education program have to either go to Motor Vehicles and take the riding and written test, or go through a complicated process through the USD's or Community Colleges that offer DoE approved programs. The Department of Defense and the Kansas Department of Education both recognize curriculum developed by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, which is the primary curriculum used across the United States.

ABATE of Kansas, and our members, support HB 2194, and encourage the Committee to do so as well.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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