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Senate Committee on Transportation

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TO: **CHAIR:** MIKE PETERSON

**VICE CHAIR:** JOHN DOLL

**Ranking Minority Member:** Pat Pettey

RE: SB 274

From: ABATE of Kansas

Date: January 30, 2018

Chairman Peterson, Vice Chair Doll, Ranking Minority Member Pettey, and Members of the Committee.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you about SB 274. ABATE of Kansas has for several years pursued legislation that would increase penalties for right of way violations (HB 2188 is last year's attempt). SB 274 does not modify the penalties for a long list of infractions in the current law's uniform fine schedule. It does, however label violations as "negligent driving," which would more clearly define guilt when individuals are charged with infractions, and therefore assign responsibility for injuries and property damage to the guilty party.

ABATE of Kansas and our members support SB 274. We encourage the Senate Committee on Transportation to support it as well.

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

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