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TESTIMONY BEFORE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

REGARDING SENATE BILL 375
RELATED TO LENGTH OF CERTAIN VEHICLE COMBINATIONS

February 7, 2018

Madam Chair and Committee Members:

Good Morning, I am Joel Skelley for the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and I am here today to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 375.

KDOT requested this amendment to Kansas Statute to bring the state into compliance with federal law under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. The language in this amendment is taken straight from Section 5523 of the FAST Act, which amends 49 U.S.C. 31111(a) and 49 U.S.C. 31111(b)(1)(H).

The amendment sets forth a length of 82 feet for towaway trailer transporter combinations consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit of 2 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight not exceeding 26,000 pounds. The amendment also states that these vehicle combinations are being transported by manufacturers, dealers or distributors as inventory and are not carrying property.

KDOT supports SB 375 and would ask for favorable passage out of committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.