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**Testimony in Support of SB 285:
Establishing the joint legislative transportation task force
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Madam Chair and members of the committee:

My name is Lindsey Douglas, Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad. Thank you for allowing Union Pacific to appear in support of SB 285.

Union Pacific is excited to work with you to chart the course for the future of transportation in Kansas. As T-WORKS comes to an end, it is the perfect time to explore policy considerations for the future.

Kansas has the potential to apply innovation to transportation policy, leverage significant private investment through public-private partnerships and bring more businesses and jobs to the state. By looking into transportation policy at this critical time for infrastructure policy in the country, Kansas could be in a position to develop a transportation program that will fit the national trends that will be discussed alongside the development of the task force recommendations.

Union Pacific has a very large footprint and investment in Kansas with lines running 2,196 miles in every region of the state. We have 1,238 employees with an annual payroll of \$126 million. We invested over \$75 million in capital investment in the state in 2016, and provided more than \$355,000 to charitable organizations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 285. I would be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.