



**To:** House Appropriations Committee  
**From:** Shawn Steward  
AAA Kansas  
**Date:** February 18, 2020  
**Re:** Support of HB 2588

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer written remarks in support of HB 2588.

I am Shawn Steward, Manager of Public and Government Affairs for AAA Kansas. Since AAA's founding in 1902, the not-for-profit, fully tax-paying organization has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers. AAA proudly serves over 350,000 Kansans.

On behalf of AAA, we would like to thank you for the opportunity to offer support for legislation that will improve transportation flow and road safety.

AAA Kansas supports HB 2588, as quality highways are a key component in road safety. AAA strongly supports well-maintained, safe roads for our members and all motorists driving in our state, in both rural and urban areas.

Forward Kansas, like its three preceding comprehensive highway programs, creates a new ten-year program. Kansas' commitment to T-WORKS and Forward Kansas is crucial in support of modernization and expansion projects that make existing roads safer with broader shoulders, passing lanes and other improvements. As Kansas continues to experience growth in urban areas, expansion projects are needed to enhance the safety of motorists and all road users.

There is not a new tax proposed to pay for this program. AAA respectfully asks the committee to recommend HB 2588 and protect the State Highway Fund to finish T-WORKS and implement Forward Kansas.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer our support for HB 2588.

Respectfully,

Shawn Steward