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House Transportation Committee

Ref: HB 2248

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I am testifying as a proponent for this bill. This situation was brought to my attention by constituents in my district. Their property is bisected by a Kansas highway and they routinely use the highway to check on irrigation, cattle, and harvesting. It has come to their attention by a highway patrolman that they cannot travel on the highway with an all-terrain vehicle or side by side and will be ticketed.

I visited with Colonel Mark Bruce of the Kansas Highway Patrol and he suggested that the trooper is correct and a change in statute would have to be made to allow them to operate. I asked the farmers if the vehicles were lighted and their answer was yes. Col. Bruce sent me suggested language to include in the statute to allow highway use by the farmers.

The Colonel's suggested language is found in Section 1., (d) of the bill.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald L. Highland".

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