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**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING SB 79 AMENDING K.S.A. 8-1545
CONCERNING TURNING LANES AND LEFT-HAND LANE TURNS**

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Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am Joel Skelley, Director of Policy for the Kansas Department of Transportation. I am testifying on behalf of KDOT today regarding Senate Bill 79. The proposed bill will repeal and amend the existing section of K.S.A. 8-1545.

KDOT is in support of the concept to repeal and amend the language of K.S.A. 8-1545 that concerns left turns at intersections. We have shared with the bill requestor additional amended language necessary for semis to make left turns at certain locations. We have submitted language with our testimony that we believe meets the requestor's concern and our concern and would ask that our submitted language be used if this bill is worked and passed favorably out of committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Senate Bill 79. I will be happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.