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TESTIMONY

(Oral – Proponent)

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Regarding: SB 390

Chairman Peterson and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 390 on behalf of the Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association (KRMCA). I am Jerry Younger, Managing Director of KRMCA.

KRMCA counts as members 42 companies located in Kansas that produce ready mix concrete products. Those products have helped construct many of the roads, bridges, homes and buildings that have built Kansas over the last 100+ years.

Most everyone has witnessed a ready mix truck at a construction site discharging (“pouring”) concrete to build whatever piece of the construction the concrete is required for. Most folks would find that process pretty interesting and will watch for some period of time. Regardless how long that captivates one’s attention, it’s reasonable to assume that there would be agreement that there is plenty of action going on at the delivery end of a concrete mixer truck. Whether its discharge chutes swinging and banging or concrete splattering all over, it’s not hard to envision that a license plate in the general vicinity may be at an increased risk of being damaged or lost. KRMCA members would attest that increased risk has, in fact, resulted in them having to purchase replacement tags due to an existing tag being damaged or lost.

It would seem that SB 390 is an easy way to decrease the risk to a license plate displayed on a concrete mixer truck - simply allow it to move to location on the vehicle still maintaining the same degree of visibility but out of harm's way of the activities associated with mixing and discharging the concrete. Given that there are both front and rear discharge mixer trucks used by KRMCA members (attached picture), "out of harm's way" could be either the front or rear.

Although there are Kansas ready mix concrete producers who are not KRMCA members, accounting for both KRMCA members and non-members, I would estimate there are 500-700 concrete mixer trucks that fall under SB 390.

I would also note that front license plate display already exists for certain vehicle types as per KSA 8-133, with those vehicle types numbering considerably more than the affected concrete mixer trucks.

I appreciate the Committee's consideration in passing SB 390. I'm happy to answer any questions.

