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*Written Testimony*

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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

My name is LeeAnn Phelps, Manager of Vehicles Services for the Division of Vehicles, supporting the contents of SB 158.

We worked with Mr. Whitaker on the proposed changes and believe by adding the new language of the bill requiring additional checks on ownership for newer model vehicles, this will enhance a towing company's ability to notify the correct vehicle owner in a timely manner and will assist in the Division knowing that all possible attempts at notifying owners and lien holders was made, whether the vehicle was registered in Kansas or not.

Further, adding the language surrounding the timing of the publication of auction will assist the Division in criteria for proper process. We have encountered issues with auctions being published on the day of an auction or published without substantial notice to any interested party and so adding this language will be beneficial to ensure the integrity of the process.

We appreciate Mr. Whitaker's cooperation in working on this proposed legislative change and encourage your support of this bill.

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