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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce and our 1,500 members, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of S.B. 379 AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; relating to autonomous motor vehicles; providing for the use and regulation thereof.

The development and mass production of self-driving vehicles, also known as autonomous vehicles, has the potential to revolutionize transportation mobility and safety. The Chamber believes this emerging technology and its associated markets creates an exciting opportunity for the state of Kansas. As this technology develops, the state should be in the driver's seat in determining regulations associated with the operation of said autonomous vehicles. A patchwork of varying ordinances and regulations would likely steer this opportunity down the wrong road.

With this in mind, we urge the Committee to report S.B. 379 favorable for passage.

Very truly yours,

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