

Kansas State Legislative Board
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers

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The Honorable Representative Shannon Francis
Chair of Standing Committee on Transportation
Distinguished Members of the Committee
Kansas State Legislature House
State Capitol, Room 582-N
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: **HB 2335**—Grants for qualified track maintenance

Dear Rep Francis and Members of the Committee:

The Sheet Metal Air Rail and Transportation Workers (SMART) is NEUTRAL on HB 2335.

HB 2335 authorizes loans or grants for qualified track maintenance; and track maintenance as a qualifier to the rail service improvement fund.

We agree these funds are beneficial to the Kansas economy but ask that amendments be made defining railroads that qualify for the program. We also ask that the Federal Railroad Administration's definition of an industry track be included giving clarity to the types of projects and scope of the legislation.

We understand that the KGFA agrees and would consider such amendments as friendly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ty Drago". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Ty Drago
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