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**House Transportation Committee**

**Written Testimony in Opposition of HB 2735**

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**Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:**

During last year's legislative session our organization came before you in support of 3-Foot passing legislation for bicycles. We thank you for your support in the successful passing of this legislation.

Today we come before you in opposition of HB 2735. We feel that passage of this bill would be extremely detrimental if not fatal to our recreational trail system. Frequently our members travel to Missouri and utilize the Katy Trail. This is money that could be spent in Kansas if our trail systems continue to be developed. This development would be greatly hindered by the passage of HB 2735 as it is presently drafted.

The Rails to Trails Conservancy has done a fantastic job with the development of both the Landon and Flint Hills Nature trails. This development is primarily done by private donations, grant money and volunteer labor. Presently the Landon trail is nearing completion into Topeka. As it currently stands, HB 2735 would undermine these efforts accomplished with little expense to the taxpayer as well we feel that private donations would be put in jeopardy for fear the money would go to pay taxes rather than for trail improvements.

In closing we would like to show our support of KanBikeWalk's proposed amendment to HB 2735.

Heath Glenn

  
President

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