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Chairman Proehl, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of the Kansas Building Industry Association (KBIA) in support of HB 2736 related to probable cause for motor carrier spot checks. KBIA is an affiliate of the National Association of Home Builders with eight regional home builder associations and more than 2,000 members across the State of Kansas.

HB 2736 as written would add a requirement that spot checks of motor carriers by the state highway patrol will be based on probable cause to believe that such checks are necessary to ensure compliance with state motor carrier regulations. Under current law these roadside stops can occur at any time, and requires no belief that the carrier might be out of compliance with state law. The majority of our member companies are small businesses, and like many Kansas companies our long-term success is based on providing our clients with a quality product in a timely manner. In the residential building industry projects often require multiple subcontractors working together to complete their jobs in order and on time. General contractors work tirelessly to coordinate their projects in order to protect their professional reputation and ensure customer satisfaction. Significant unscheduled delays of subcontractors or vehicles delivering equipment and supplies as a result of roadside inspections can quickly unravel carefully organized projects.

We understand and appreciate the need for motor carrier safety standards, however random spot checks can lead to delays that create difficulties for Kansas businesses. As a result, we support the policy of requiring a higher standard to trigger a roadside stop for the purpose of conducting motor carrier safety inspections.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue and we ask that you support HB 2736.

Sincerely,

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