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From: Shahira Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs

RE: Written Testimony in Support of HB 2511: Five Year Renewal on CDLs

Chairman Proehl and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of House Bill 2511. This testimony is submitted jointly on behalf of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association (KGFA), Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association (KARA), and Renew Kansas.

KGFA is the state association of the grain receiving, storage, processing and shipping industry in Kansas. KGFA's membership includes over 950 Kansas business locations and represents 99% of the commercially licensed grain storage in the state. KARA is a voluntary trade association that appreciates membership of over 700 agribusiness firms that supply fertilizers, crop protection products, seed, petroleum products, and agricultural services to Kansas farmers. Renew Kansas is the trade association of the Kansas ethanol processing industry.

Under House Bill 2511, commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) would be renewable every five years instead of four. Many of our members either carry their CDL or hire drivers regularly to transport ag commodities, farm supplies and crop inputs to our farmer customers. Extending the renewal period by one year is an easy, reasonable step toward lowering the regulatory burden, reducing cost, and expediting the process of conducting agribusiness in Kansas. Extending CDL renewal by one year will also put Kansas in compliance with the federal Transportation Security Administration's hazmat endorsement, which is also renewed every five years.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2511. Our Associations ask that when you consider the bill, you pass it out favorably.