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### MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. We are submitting written testimony today representing our 890-member companies and the highway transportation industry in support of House Bill No. 2775 which establishes a Joint Legislative Transportation Vision Task Force.

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association appreciates being a part of the Task Force. The Kansas Trucking Industry provides 72,570 jobs and paid 43% of all taxes owed by Kansas motorists, despite representing only 13% of the miles traveled in the state.

We believe that House Bill No. 2775 will provide a solid foundation for the next "transportation" program and commend those in the Legislature for their forward thinking on this issue. KMCA does have some concerns with the makeup of Task Force and subcommittees. It appears to be very large in size which may make management of the Task Force extremely difficult. We would suggest a somewhat smaller number of members be appointed.

Mr. Chairman, we thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony today in support of House Bill No. 2775. We hope you will take our suggestion concerning the size of the Task Force

Thank you,

Tom Whitaker, Executive Director

