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Tom Whitaker Executive Director Legislative Testimony
by the
Kansas Motor Carriers Association
before the
Assessment and Taxation Committee
Senator Caryn Tyson, Chairman
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

MADAM CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear before you today to comment on SB 198. On March 7, KMCA reached out to the Kansas Department of Revenue with concerns regarding the broad language listed in SB 198. Which would require background checks and fingerprinting for any person having access to federal tax information.

KMCA is a contracted with KDOR to process commercial motor vehicle registrations. Through this partnership, we provide excellent customer service to those who require a commercial vehicle registration.

During the registration process, KMCA is required to collect the IRS form 2290 from account holders. This form is the heavy highway vehicle use tax for vehicles at a registered gross weight of 54,000 pounds or more.

With the current wording in SB 198, it would require KMCA and all 105 county treasurers to fingerprint and background check their employees as we collect these documents.

After a conversation with KDOR, they kindly agreed to more narrowly define who would be required to comply.

We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning and would be pleased to respond to any questions you may have.

