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To: Chairman Richard Proehl and members of the House Transportation Committee
From: Deann Williams, Deputy Director, Division of Vehicles, KDOR
Date: March 12, 2019
RE: SB 97

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee:

We appear before you today in support of SB 97. We have worked closely with Enterprise Car Rental and believe the bill before you is a business friendly solution to an issue that was created as the Division of Vehicles moved to digital production of license plates.

Prior to the digital license project all county treasurers' offices had embossed plate inventory on hand that would allow staff to assign vehicle tags on the spot. We changed to digital plate production in August 2018. Currently, as a vehicle is registered in the vehicle registration system (MOVRS) and the plate is ordered, there is no more inventory on site at the county offices.

To explain the difference in digital license plate production and embossed processing we'll walk through a couple of scenarios.

- Scenario one...May 2018, Enterprise purchased several new vehicles. They have the new vehicle titles and all other necessary paperwork to get the vehicles registered at the county treasurer's office. Enterprise staff walks into the local county office with documentation, they pay the registration fees and receive the license plates. They return to the office and attach the license plates on the vehicles.
- Scenario two...March 2019, Enterprise purchases several vehicles and takes all title work to the county office, pays the fees and now leaves the office with temporary license plates, decals and registration receipts to put with the cars.

To you and I receiving that temporary license plate is not a big deal, but to Enterprise or any other rental car company this is a huge issue, they do not know where that vehicle will be when the license plate is received in the mail within 30 days.

As we worked with Enterprise we believe solution to their issue is to have a new plate type for rental car companies that register at least 250 in Kansas. The plate could be much like the current fleet plate we have for the utility companies. The plate could be R12345 and we would set it up to be mass produced. Instead of sending inventory to counties the thought would be to have inventory in one place, therefore Vehicle Services within the Division of Vehicles would dedicate two staff members to completing the registration process and issuing the license plates at the time of registration.

We are pleased to have worked with Enterprise and their associates to remedy the issue they have with current registration processes. We will stand for questions at the appropriate time.