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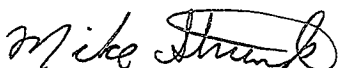
Chairman Schwartz, Vice Chair Hoffman and Committee members,

Thank you for interest in this matter. First, we would commend the Drivers' License Exam personnel all across the state. They do a very good job with the number of licenses/exams they have to do on a daily basis. Plus, they are extremely professional. I would like to address the CDL driving tests. This has become extremely difficult to get done. First, the driving test can not be scheduled until the written test is completed. Thus, you may not be able to get a drive test scheduled for 3 weeks to six weeks out. Second, if the driver does not pass the pre-inspection test (30-45 minute verbal test) on that day then another drive can not be scheduled until there is an opening. And now you add on another 2-4 week time period.

The entire CDL process may easily take six weeks or longer. The past year because of the offices being closed in May some drives became impossible to get scheduled anywhere in the state. For example, last summer one CDL office could not schedule drives because they did not have any drive test examiners. This impacts not only that office but then all of the surrounding offices.

I understand that budgets must be but I would like to stress that commerce and agriculture are important Kansas. Please do something to hire some part time drive test examiners. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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