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To: Rep. Richard Proehl, Chairman  
House Transportation Committee

From: Mandy Roe, Director of Member Services  
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**RE: HB 2511: Making commercial driver's licenses renewable every five years**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2511. The Kansas Cooperative Council (KCC) represents all types of cooperatively structured businesses including agriculture marketing and supply, utility, financial co-ops and consumer cooperatives.

HB 2511 would save our members money over time by only having to renew the commercial driver's license (CDL) and endorsements every five years instead of every four. Cooperatives are always looking for ways to be more efficient and effective in their service and operation. This bill would help lower the regulatory cost of doing business.

It is not uncommon for more than half of the employees at an agriculture cooperative to have a CDL. Cooperatives not only shoulder the cost of the CDL, but also the cost of any endorsements and background checks. For example, a person applying for a hazmat endorsement must also have fingerprinting done. Below is a sampling of the number employees with CDL's at cooperatives across Kansas:

- Ottawa Cooperative Association, Ottawa, Kan.- 55
- Farmers Coop Assn, Columbus, Kan.- 32
- Farmers Coop Elevator Co., Halstead, Kan.- 16
- Valley Coop, Inc., Winfield, Kan.- 15
- Skyland Co-op, Johnson, Kan. - 37
- Rangeland Cooperative, Phillipsburg, Kan.- 15

On behalf of the Kansas Cooperative Council, thank you again for the opportunity to share our support for HB 2511. The KCC would respectfully request, that when the committee considers HB 2511 for action, you consider it favorably.

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