

Date: January 25, 2018

To: Senate Transportation

From: Eric B. Smith, Deputy General Counsel

Re: Support of SB 272

I want to thank Chairman Peterson and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities, on behalf of our member cities, to provide testimony in support of SB 272.

SB 272 provides additional protection to workers involved in waste collection. Employees working in the waste hauling business face many dangers of injury from the work alone, but they also perform much of their work on city streets with moving traffic. They must contend with impatient or inattentive drivers who do not comprehend the danger of potential injury or death.

League member cities are aware of the dangers their employees face everyday and particularly those who must perform their work on busy city streets. SB 272 recognizes the danger these workers are exposed to and provides warning notices to any driver who violates this law. The warning should serve as an educational tool to the driving public adding to the safety of public service employees.

The League supports SB 272 and respectfully requests the Committee pass this bill out of Committee with a recommendation to the full Senate for approval.