

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE  
HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**REGARDING HOUSE BILL 2444  
RELATING TO PROVIDING FOR THE BLACKOUT DISTINCTIVE LICENCE PLATE**

**January 23, 2020**

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

I am Lindsey Douglas, Deputy Secretary for The Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT). I am here today to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2444 relating to providing for the blackout distinctive license plate.

KDOT is in support of HB 2444 with proceeds going to KDOT's Cost Share program. The Cost Share program is designed to provide financial assistance that leverages state funding with local and private funding for projects related to job growth and retention. In November, the program saw a successful first round but was oversubscribed for the funding available. In total, KDOT received nearly 100 applications with more than \$92 million in local investment asking for approximately \$242 million in KDOT funding. The agency only had the capacity to select 22 projects. This revenue source would be a way local communities can support and help fund their own infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2444. I am happy to stand for questions at the appropriate time.