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Senator Mike Peterson, Chairman
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MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

I am Tom Whitaker, Executive Director of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. I appear before you this morning representing our member companies and the highway transportation industry to express our neutrality on the issues addressed in SB 390 and ask for additional language in the bill that will address a problem on large straight trucks.

As a contractor for the State to provide vehicle registration services in Topeka for commercial motor vehicle (CMV) and apportioned (IRP) registered vehicle we see on a daily basis these truck operators coming to our office to get a replacement tag, The license tag has either been destroyed, lost or stolen. The Kansas Department of Revenue reports the 1,819 license plates for CMV and IRP vehicles were replaced in 2019. We believe a large portion of the replacement plates came from the owners of dump trucks and other large service vehicles.

Adding additional language to SB 390 to require that trucks registered in excess of 26,000 lbs. display the vehicle's license plate on the front of the vehicle and not the rear. In addition, we believe it would be appropriate to allow for a one-year implementation with only warning tickets the first year following the bill's effective date.

Mr. Chairman should the Committee act on SB 390, we respectfully request that consideration be given to our requested language. We thank you for the opportunity to appear before you this morning and would be pleased to respond to any questions.

