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**Testimony to the Senate Transportation Committee
In Opposition to SB374
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Chairman Petersen and Committee Members:

Our associations Oppose SB374. As we understand the bill, it proposes allowing Salvage Vehicle Pools to conduct their own Vehicle Identification Inspections. The purpose of the VIN Inspections is to assure vehicles are not stolen or VINs altered on a vehicle coming into the state for registration. The current system is designed to provide checks and balances between the parties involved in the transaction and to protect Kansas buyers from damaged and stolen vehicles. Vehicles coming into the state which have been salvaged do to flood damage is an example.

The proposal appears to mirror the provisions allowing new car dealers to perform VIN inspections. Authorized new car dealers are conducting the inspections on a specific set of vehicles acquired through vehicle manufacturer auctions or manufacturer subsidiaries. This is a closed set of vehicles with a lower risk of involving vehicles with fraudulent identification numbers. In our opinion, it is important to have salvage pool vehicles inspected by third party inspectors with no monetary interest in the outcome.

We encourage you to not move this bill forward.

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