

To: House Transportation Committee

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RE: Neutral Testimony to SB 546

Thank you to Chairman Proehl and Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide neutral testimony for SB 546.

While we are not opposed to the concept of autonomous vehicles, we had several concerns about SB 546 as written. We have been engaged with proponents and other parties since the initial hearing on SB 379. We believe that many of our concerns were addressed in the amendments to SB 546. These included clarifying which traffic laws would apply, whether cities could enforce truck routes and weight limits, and who would be responsible for a driverless vehicle in the event of a violation or accident.

The creation of the advisory committee allows for issues to be addressed by this committee and the full House. During the pilot program, we encourage the advisory committee to engage with law enforcement and prosecutors regarding any issues that might arise related to regulation or enforcement of this bill.