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Kansas Good Roads, Inc.

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TO: The Honorable Virgil Peck, Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Transportation and Public Safety Budget

FROM: Whitney Damron
On Behalf of Kansas Good Roads, Inc.

RE: HB 2137 An Act concerning motor vehicles; relating to the collection of fees,
vehicle modernization surcharge.

DATE: March 6, 2013

Chairman Peck and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Kansas Good Roads, Inc., representing the heavy contractor industry in Kansas, we respectfully urge this Committee to reject HB 2137 that would eliminate the \$4 surcharge on vehicle registrations that was dedicated to the T-WORKS transportation program beginning January 1, 2013.

When considering funding options for the T-WORKS plan adopted by the 2010 Legislature, a number of sources were considered, including sales taxes, motor fuels and vehicle registration fees. The Legislature appropriately took into account that it is no longer feasible to attempt to finance transportation infrastructure costs solely from motor fuels taxes, particularly given the mandated increases in corporate average fuel economy standards, which will necessarily reduce motor fuels revenues, but certainly not reduce reliance on transportation infrastructure.

Motor vehicle registration fees have historically been utilized to support transportation needs and continuing the \$4.00 registration fee to help fund the state's transportation program adopted in 2010 is an appropriate use of such funding.

On behalf of Kansas Good Roads, Inc., I thank the committee for its consideration of our opinion on HB 2137 and request it not be advanced out of committee.

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