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**PROPONENT TESTIMONY FOR HOUSE BILL 2501**

Chairman Petersen and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

The Abilene & Smoky Valley Railroad is an important part of our history as a state, and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Steam Engine 3415 is the last operating example of a storied brand that has traversed the rails since 1919.

I encourage the committee to review the historical and economic benefit to central Kansas that this operating railroad museum provides to Kansans and to visitors from across the globe. You will find that there is no railroad or steam engine more deserving of the distinction of being called the State Heritage Railroad and the State Steam Locomotive.

Please support HB 2501 and recommend favorably for passage.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.R. Claeys".

Senator J.R. Claeys