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**Legislative Testimony – written only
by the
Kansas Motor Carriers Association
before the
Senate Transportation Committee
Senator Mike Petersen, Chairman
Wednesday, March 6, 2024**

**MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

On behalf of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, representing our seven hundred plus member firms, I am Deann Williams, Executive Director and we are here today in support of HB 2682.

The motor carrier industry has been under the federal mandate of the drug and alcohol clearinghouse program since January 2020. With the passage of this bill prior to issuing a CDL the Division of Vehicles personnel would check the status of the driver's license to make sure the individual has not been disqualified. If there is a disqualification on the driving record, DOV staff would be unable to issue the CDL. Once the CDL holder is reinstated, DOV staff will see that the record has been cleared and they are able to issue the Commercial Driver's License.

This legislation touches safety, by keeping the drivers that are in violation of drug or alcohol events, off the public roadways, until our federal/state partners have cleared the driver to go back to active status. We urge your support of HB 2682.

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