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Chairman Francis, House Transportation Committee
From: Wendi Stark, Legislative Liaison
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RE: HB 2607 Proponent, Written

We want to thank Chairman Francis and the Committee members for giving the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2607.

Our members support the establishment of a Railroad Halll of Fame as a fitting tribute to the contributions of Kansans to our nation's rail system. We are proud of the state's history as a pioneer in rail service, and we note that one of the nation's largest railroads— the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway— bore the names of two Kansas cities. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway and other Kansas railroads enjoy an enduring legacy that continues to attract visitors to our state, and a Railroad Hall of Fame would expose the legacy of those railroads, those who built them, and those who continue to run them today to a larger audience.

The League is grateful for the opportunity to weigh in on HB 2607. We respectfully request that the Committee recommend it favorably for passage.