February 17, 2026

The Honorable Mike Petersen
Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation
Kansas State Senate
State Capitol
300 SW 10th Ave, Room 546-S
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB 2416 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Petersen,

On behalf of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) and Performance Racing Industry (PRI), I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill (HB) 2416, the "Kansas Motorsports Venue Protection Act," sponsored by Representative Leo Delperdang. This legislation is critical to protecting Kansas' motorsports community and ensuring the continued viability of racing facilities across the state.

Representing the $337 billion specialty automotive industry, SEMA comprises approximately 7,500 businesses nationwide, including 64 in Kansas, that manufacture, market, and sell aftermarket products for motor vehicles. Kansas's aftermarket and motorsports sector plays a vital role in the state's economy by supporting local jobs, generating tax revenue, and fostering tourism.

Kansas's specialty automotive aftermarket industry alone generates $3.8 billion in economic impact. This translates to 16,079 jobs, $1.1 billion in total wages and benefits, and $462.45 million in taxes paid. In addition, motorsports activities in Kansas contribute $743.49 million in total economic output, support 5,694 jobs, and account for $279.32 million in wages and benefits, along with $77.28 million in taxes paid.

HB 2416 provides essential protections for racing facilities by limiting nuisance actions brought by property owners in surrounding neighborhoods, provided the facility obtained all necessary permits and vested rights prior to surrounding development. Amendments in the House Committee on Transportation clarified that this bill applies to homes that are within 5 miles of a racetrack and added a 4-year window for a racetrack that has ceased operations to restart its business before it loses this protection. This measure ensures that facilities operating in compliance with federal, state, and local laws can continue to serve as safe, regulated environments for motorsport enthusiasts without the constant threat of litigation. This protection is important for facilities that were established before the surrounding properties were purchased or developed.

Kansas has a proud motorsports tradition, with racetracks and racing facilities that host events attracting fans from across the region. These venues

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are economic engines for their communities, supporting local businesses and creating safe and regulated environments for motorsport enthusiasts to enjoy their passion and bring our communities together. This bill is crucial for the continued growth and sustainability of these racing facilities and racetracks in Kansas.

SEMA and PRI are dedicated to promoting and protecting the interests of the automotive and motorsports industries. HB 2416 aligns with our values by fostering a supportive environment for racing facilities and ensuring their long-term viability in the neighborhoods and communities they helped establish. This bill will encourage the growth of motorsports in Kansas, providing safe recreational opportunities for enthusiasts and boosting the local economy.

We urge its passage to safeguard these vital facilities and promote the growth of motorsports in Kansas. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (909) 978-6717 or victorm@sema.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Victor Muñoz
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Specialty Equipment Market Association