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To: House Committee on Transportation

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Re: HB 2556  
Written Testimony in Support

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today and present testimony on House Bill 2556 on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and our member cities.

HB 2556 would set up criteria to permit the Secretary of Transportation to establish and designate certain segments of highway as being safety corridors. This designation would carry with it signage requirements by the department to give notice to the public of the designation and the effect of the designation on increased fines being assessed for violations committed within the corridor. The intent of the program is to elevate safety awareness by vehicle operators within the designated areas to reduce traffic violations and accidents.

It is city option as to whether or not a highway within the incorporated limits is to be designated as a safety corridor. By resolution of the governing body, a city may agree to participate in such plan. Later, the city may terminate the participation by the adoption of a resolution to that effect. Upon so doing the Department would be required to remove all signage.

The League supports HB 2556 because of the intent to draw awareness to vehicular safety in congested traffic or other hazardous situations to reduce traffic violations and accidents. Also, the bill does not mandate city participation, but is optional, and does allow a city to easily withdraw from the program if it would so choose.

Thank you for allowing us to submit this testimony in support of the proposed legislation.