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To Committee Chair and Committee,

I come before you today in opposition of HB 2605. While I understand technology will continue to evolve into the transportation sector, I feel it is very premature to allow Kansas highways to be a test-bed for this technology. I am a motorcyclist that logs nearly 20k miles a year and I have seen MANY instances where any form of automation would not have been able to react in time to avoid an accident. If you have ever traveled anywhere in western Kansas you are acutely aware of high winds. These winds frequently cross our East-West highways from the North or South, creating an unpredictable and dangerous driving environment where counter steering is needed just to stay on the road. Where this new technology becomes concerning is when the unpredictability of wildlife, maneuvers of other traffic and weather require action that cannot be evaluated by automation. A perfect example would be when the trailer is tipping to the left and the steering input is to the right to counter the wind. Any experienced trucker will tell you the only way to settle the trailer back onto its wheels is to quickly steer WITH the wind to prevent a blow-over. That is just one of potentially hundreds of random scenarios that a Semi might encounter in a day. Not to mention the use of tandem trailers or the relaxed environment a possible "rider's" reaction time would be. It is for this reason that I consider this House Bill premature and without the general public's safety in its best interest.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Hanna", written in a cursive style.

George Hanna