

To: Senate Transportation Committee

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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 2486

I want to thank Chairman Petersen and the Committee members for allowing the League of Kansas Municipalities the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2486.

Under current law a city can authorize the use of golf carts within city limits under certain conditions. A city has no authority to allow the operation of golf carts after sunset even if the golf carts are equipped with proper lights. HB 2486 will give city leaders the ability to authorize the use of golf carts after sunset if the local governing body finds it to be an acceptable practice.

Local officials can assess if driving golf carts at night, with proper lighting, is something their residents should be permitted to do. City officials can use feedback from residents, law enforcement, and collaborating with other municipalities to determine whether to pass such an ordinance. They can establish the best areas to allow the night drivers and establish other rules and regulations they feel are needed to protect public safety. Most cities who allow golf carts will require, as an example, registration, proof of insurance and that the golf cart be operated by a licensed driver.

The League and its member cities support HB 2486 and respectfully request the Committee pass this bill out of Committee with a recommendation to the full Senate for approval.