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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Commerce
Opponent Testimony on SB 435 • March 11, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 435. While KAC and its member counties certainly support commerce and the importance of delivering products and goods to Kansas residents, there are concerns about safety regarding these delivery devices.

First, the size of these devices is a concern. The devices can be up to 150 pounds. Second the delivery devices can move at speeds of up to six miles per hour. The size and speed of these devices makes this a safety concern for KAC, its member counties, and the residents of those counties, our fellow Kansans.

KAC is not asking that these delivery devices be banned. Rather, KAC is asking that some degree of local regulation be allowed so that local authorities can weigh in on these matters. Pre-empting local control does not account for the different areas of the state where these devices may someday be used. We would respectfully ask that local control be allowed so that the differences in road conditions, traffic and other uniquely local features be accounted for. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jay Hall

Kansas Association of Counties

