



WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**Testimony of John Smith, Stanton County Commissioner
Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senate Bill No. 186
March 14, 2019**

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Sherman

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Wallace

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Chairwoman McGinn and Members of the Committee:

Kansas Legislative Policy Group (KLPNG) would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony today. KLPNG is a non-partisan, non-profit organization comprised of elected commissioners representing the collective interests of 34 rural Kansas counties. We appreciate the opportunity to submit remarks in support of House Bill No. 186.

Senate Bill No. 186, authorizes the Secretary of Transportation to initiate a Transportation Planning Program to plan, develop and operate or coordinate the development and operation of the various modes and systems of transportation in the state. Most important to our members, the Department of Transportation would be required to spend at least \$8 million for projects or programs in each county.

Quality transportation is imperative for economic growth.

A guaranteed amount of minimal spending is helpful to counties in strategic project planning and would allow coordinated project development for all transportation methods.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to present this written testimony to the Committee. I encourage you to consider Senate Bill No. 186 favorably.

John Smith
President