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**Testimony to the House Transportation Committee
In Opposition to SB36
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Chairman Petersen and Committee Members:

Our associations Oppose SB36. The bill proposes allowing Salvage Vehicle Pools to conduct their own Vehicle Identification Inspections. Two key purposes of the VIN Inspection is to assure vehicles coming into Kansas to be titled are not stolen and VINs are not altered. A third key purpose is to protect consumers from vehicles coming to Kansas to “wash” the title from a state with lax laws on damaged or junked vehicles. Vehicles coming into the state which have been salvaged due to flood damage not readily detectable is an example.

We are concerned that SB36, even with the proposed limited application, creates a pathway to have these inspections completed by parties with a financial interest in the outcome of the inspection. The current system is designed to provide checks and balances between the parties involved in the transaction and to protect Kansas buyers. We believe that defies the purpose of the VIN inspections. We also understand that some of the law enforcement databases and tools used by existing VIN inspectors to assure the vehicle is not stolen are not available to the salvage pools. In our opinion, it is important to have salvage pool vehicles inspected by third party inspectors with no monetary interest in the outcome and with access to the databases and tools to assure if property is stolen it is returned to the proper owner.

We encourage you to not move this bill forward.

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