

**To:** House Transportation Committee, Rep. Shannon Francis, Chair

**From:** John Donley, Kansas Farm Bureau

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**Re: Written Testimony in support of HB 2523**

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Chairman Francis and members of the Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide written testimony as a proponent to HB 2523. My name is John Donley, and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB). KFB is the state's largest general farm organization representing more than 30,000 farm and ranch families through our 105 county Farm Bureau Associations.

HB 2523 is simply a bill that would allow our young drivers to be able to travel to certain religious events if they have a farm permit. The legislature passed a similar bill for other restricted drivers a couple of years ago. This bill simply provides consistency in the policy as it relates to youth drivers; therefore, we are supportive of the measure.

Thank you for your positive consideration of HB 2523, and I encourage you to pass this bill out favorably when the opportunity arrives.