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Legislative Testimony - written only by the **Kansas Motor Carriers Association** before the **House Transportation Committee** Representative Shannon Francis, Chairman Monday, February 12, 2024

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE **HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:**

On behalf of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association, representing our seven hundred plus member firms, I am Deann Williams, Executive Director and we are here today in support of HB 2682.

The motor carrier industry has been under the federal mandate of the drug and alcohol clearinghouse program since January 2020. With the Division of Vehicles receiving drivers disqualifying events, the commercial vehicle operator will lose driving privileges for a certain length of time, and then the clearinghouse program will notify DOV when the license can be reinstated.

This legislation deals with safety, by keeping the drivers that are in violation of drug or alcohol events, off the public roadways, until our federal partners have cleared the driver to go back to active status. We urge your support of HB 2682.