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To: Senator Umbarger, Chairman, Senate Transportation
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Subject: HB2459

Mr. Chairman, and members of the Committee, thank you for providing me the opportunity to stand in support of HB2459. HB 2459 would exempt applicants for class M motorcycle licenses who have completed prior motorcycle safety training, in accordance with United States Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 6055.04, from further training or testing.

The Division of Vehicles strongly supports this bill. The motorcycle safety training which is conducted in accordance with the United States Department of Defense Instruction 6055.04 must include an appropriate Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MFS) training course. The Motorcycle Safety Foundation is the internationally recognized developer of the comprehensive, research-based, Rider Education and Training System (MSF RETS). RETS curricula promotes lifelong-learning for motorcyclists and continuous professional development for certified RiderCoaches and other trainers. The State of Kansas, Division of Vehicles currently uses these same MFS training and testing standards. Motorcycle Safety Foundation also works in conjunction with The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) .

Kansas Driver's Licenses examiners are currently seeing these certificates of training being presented in our offices but we have not had any provisions that would allow the Division to accept them. In these cases we have had to require these individuals take the test which is clearly not needed as the Department of Defense training they have previously attend has been sufficient.

The Division of Vehicles would with confidence accept a certification of completion of the motorcycle safety training as provided in accordance with DoDI 6055.04. Therefore, I would ask the committee favorably pass this bill.

Thank you for your time and I will stand for any questions.

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