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**Testimony to the House Transportation Committee
In Support of HB2318
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Chairman Proehl and Committee Members,

Our associations support HB2318 and the additional safety margin it provides to motorcyclists on our streets and highways. Alternative lighting designs for motorcycles, within federal standards, serve to enhance the visibility of the motorcycle to other vehicle operators.

A significant percentage of serious motorcycle accidents involve another driver failing recognize the presence of the motorcycle. This is a very simple preventative approach that should result in a reduction of these types of accidents.

While we support allowing side lamps, we recommend the committee closely consider the new provisions of side lamps on lines 30 and 31 regarding the color of such lamps. We note the bill proposes allowing side lights may be a "light of any color." This is inconsistent with the side lamp provisions for other vehicles which are restricted to *white, amber, or red without glare*. See KSA 8-1723. We believe a consistent approach to side light color should be considered by the committee.

We encourage you to recommend the bill favorable for passage.

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