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Chairman Petersen and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of **Senate Bill 21**. The Kansas Association of Well Service Contractors (KAWSC) is a 40 plus member state-wide association of contractors that provide well servicing to Kansas producers of oil and natural gas. KAWSC encourages support of **SB 21**, which seeks to extend changes made in the 2014 Legislative Session exempting lighter weight commercial motor vehicles from the tedious regulations that were designed for over-the-road 18 wheel trucks.

The enforcement of motor carrier laws and regulations in this state has far exceeded the intent of the laws. Nobody disagrees with the need for laws and regulations that keep our highways safe and protect our families. But I do not believe the same laws and regulations intended to regulate semi trucks were intended to be used against landscapers and professional bass fisherman.

Prior to 2014, small businesses were forced to limit themselves to within 25 miles of their principal place of business or spend the money to hire a motor carrier contractor for the sole purpose of keeping them compliant with ever changing State and Federal motor carrier regulations. Prior to 2014, the oil and gas industry was exempted, as this law does, from many of the regulations under what was called the tool of trade exemption. Poor training or overzealous law enforcement made the exemption nearly non-existent. Passage of SB 21 will end much of the confusion regarding what commercial motor vehicles are exempt.

Since July, small businesses have not had to spend the time, money and hassle dealing with regulations that are designed for heavier commercial vehicles. The members of the KAWSC thank this committee and the Kansas Legislature for their work and request extension of the exemptions through passage of Senate Bill 21.

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