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Neutral Testimony

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Chairman Petersen, Vice Chair Claeys, Ranking Minority Member Hawk, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide neutral written testimony on SB546 on behalf of the staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC).

The KCC is the state agency with the statutory responsibility to regulate motor carriers in Kansas. In order to adequately fulfill that obligation, as the Commission's Transportation Director, I am requesting to be added to the Autonomous Vehicle Advisory Committee created by SB 546, Section 10(a).

Safety is our utmost concern as this innovative technology begins to see more widespread use within our state. On behalf of the KCC, I feel it is imperative that our agency participate in these discussions as they move forward.

Thank you for considering this request and for the opportunity to provide neutral written testimony in regards to Senate Bill 546.