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**Testimony to the House Transportation Committee  
In Opposition to SB36  
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Chairman Proehl and Committee Members:

Our associations oppose SB36. The bill proposes allowing Salvage Vehicle Pools to conduct their own Vehicle Identification Inspections. Two key purposes of the VIN Inspection are to assure vehicles coming into Kansas to be titled are not stolen and VINs are not altered. A third purpose is to protect consumers from vehicles coming to Kansas to “wash” the title of a vehicle from a state with lax laws on damaged or junked vehicles.

The VIN Inspection program is an effective tool to protect Kansans from fraudulent activity surrounding the titling of vehicles and addressing stolen vehicle recovery and stolen auto part trafficking. Much of the effectiveness of this program is because of law enforcement’s access to key tools such as hidden VIN locations or law enforcement only databases.

We are concerned that SB36, even with the proposed limited application, creates a pathway to have these inspections completed by parties with a financial interest in the outcome of the inspection. The current system is designed to provide checks and balances between the parties involved in the transaction and to protect Kansas buyers. We believe SB36 defies the purpose of the VIN inspections. We also understand that some of the law enforcement databases and tools used by law enforcement VIN inspectors to assure the vehicle is not stolen are not available to the salvage pools.

In our opinion, it is important to have salvage pool vehicles inspected by third party inspectors with no monetary interest in the outcome and with access to all the databases and tools to assure if property is stolen it is returned to the proper owner.

We encourage you to not move this bill forward.

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