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Dear Members of the House Committee on Transportation:

On behalf of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), I am writing to request your support for House Bill (H.B.) 2528, which would remove the unnecessary restrictions currently required for vehicles eligible for registration as antique.

Representing the \$45 billion specialty automotive industry, SEMA is a trade association made up of approximately 7,500 mostly small businesses nationwide, including 68 in Kansas, that manufacture, rebuild, distribute, and retail parts and accessories for motor vehicles. The products made by our companies include performance, functional, restoration, and styling enhancement products for use on passenger cars, trucks, and special interest older vehicles.

Currently, the Kansas Highway Patrol defines an antique vehicle as being "more than 35 years old and as close to the original as possible, without any significant alterations to the major component parts." H.B. 2528 would only require the vehicle to be more than 35 years old, regardless of the age of the component parts installed on the vehicle. SEMA supports this legislation as it would allow for the use of non-original materials and acknowledges the limited availability of factory replacement parts. Furthermore, it would bring Kansas in line with other states that allow antique vehicles to be defined by their age, regardless of the type or age of the equipment installed on the vehicle.

If you have any questions, or require additional information please feel free to contact me by phone at (202) 794-8279 or by e-mail at [christianr@sema.org](mailto:christianr@sema.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christian Robinson  
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