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Chairman Proehl & Members of the Transportation Committee:

It gives me great pleasure to address this fine committee today in favor of HB 2528, which would allow any vehicle titled 35 years or older to be eligible for an antique tag.

This issue was brought to me by a constituent who runs a series of car shows around Kansas. A gentleman was attending one of his shows and as he was leaving was pulled over by the Kansas Highway Patrol. The patrolman stated that the gentleman's classic car was out of conformity of the antique tag provisions. The gentleman's violation? He had updated tires on his classic car, as a safety necessity. The patrolman threatened to have the vehicle impounded. The gentleman was ultimately let off with a warning.

As the years pass, original parts for these classic cars are becoming rarer. This presents a problem for a classic car hobbyist who would like to restore a 1929 Studebaker Commander, but cannot find all the specific factory components to that vehicle. Changing this law will break down a barrier he/she currently would face and allow them to restore that car to the best of their ability and remain eligible for an antique tag.

HB 2528 simply removes any requirement, other than the 35-year threshold, for a vehicle to be eligible for an antique tag. Twelve other states currently have no component restrictions on antique tags, including Iowa, Texas, and Oklahoma. Of those 12, 11 have a 25-year threshold to be eligible.

Thank you for your time and consideration in the matter.

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