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Written Testimony in Favor of SB 319

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Chairman Brungardt and honorable committee members,

I am Marlee Carpenter, Executive Director, for the Travel Industry Association of Kansas. I am submitting written testimony in favor for SB 319, specifically in support of the provision which would allocate 17% of the gaming revenue to be used for the development and promotions fund of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism for the purposes of promoting tourism. While the TIAK membership is not taking a position on the expansion of gaming in Kansas, our members do have a longstanding policy supporting additional revenue for the promotion of tourism in our state. As such, we do want to clarify we are not taking a position on the underlying proposal to expand gaming. We do support the provision for additional investment in tourism, one of the economic pillars of the Kansas economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our written comments in favor of SB 319. If you should have any questions about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number above.