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Re: SB2206 – Relating to civil actions having two-year limitation, limiting noneconomic damages against commercial motor carrier, and evidence of safety belt usage in civil actions relating to requiring safety belts in certain motor vehicles; and to provide a penalty.

To whom it may concern:

Please treat this as an official testimony regarding SB2206. It is the stance of Midwest Motor Express that we are in favor of SB2206 due to the following reasons:

- Nuclear Verdicts in the trucking industry have skyrocketed over the last 5 years causing insurance costs to follow suit.
- Insurance Companies are having to “bake-in” excessive risk into trucking policies making it extremely difficult for small and large companies to operate at a profit.
- Capping non-economic damages help prevent excessive awards for subjective harm that cannot easily be objectively assessed.
- With seat belt usage being required by North Dakota law, it only makes practical sense that this information would be allowed in any civil case. Research has shown that seatbelt usage has mitigated injury and/or decreased severity of injuries in the event of a vehicular accident.

Thank you for the opportunity and consideration of this testimony regarding SB2206.

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