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From: Senator Terry Moulton

To: Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 372
Relating to: single trip permits for the movement of oversize factory-built homes

Date: January 14th, 2016

Good morning Chairman Petrowski and members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about Senate Bill 372 and permits for moving factory-built homes.

SB 372 was brought to my attention by a manufacturer of factory-built homes in my district. The Canadian market for factory-built housing units has been strong in recent years and is a possible market for Wisconsin manufacturers. Unfortunately, due to specific Canadian requirements, Wisconsin manufacturers are unable to transport these homes on Wisconsin roadways without special permits. Senate Bill 372 would adjust the single trip permit requirements for these loads, allowing the Department of Transportation and local highway officials to issue permits for loads 16 feet or greater in width.

Senate Bill 372 will ensure that manufacturers of factory-built homes will be able to transport modular and mobile homes both within the state and abroad. We feel strongly that this bill will help Wisconsin manufacturers and will help keep good-paying jobs in our state. Thank you for allowing me to testify today. Please join me in supporting this legislation.

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RE: Support for SB372 / AB500

Dear Committee on Transportation and Veterans Affairs:

On behalf of the entire Manufactured and Modular housing industry, I would like to thank you for considering this legislation that is quite critical to:

- Affordable housing in Wisconsin
- Manufacturing in Wisconsin
- Exports to Canada and other states
- Increased jobs in Wisconsin

I'd also like to thank the Department of Transportation for helping us get a bill that will allow special transportation permits while at the same time keeping in mind the balance of commerce and also road maintenance and safety.

There has been no opposition to this bill and I urge you to pass this legislation because it is good for Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

Amy Bliss
Executive Director