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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill-87
Driver's License Amnesty Law**

**Senate Judiciary Committee
Chair, Senator Richard Wilborn
Vice Chair, Senator Julia Lynn
Ranking Minority Member, Senator David Haley
Committee Members**

Good morning Honorable Chair and members of the Committee,

Thank you for reading my written testimony in support of amending S.B. 87. The logic of **bringing more Kansans back into compliance with this Driver's License Amnesty Bill is a good thing**. As a fifth generation Kansan I am proud of our intentional efforts to create laws that help all citizens. *Please hear me!*

Those persons who previously received a traffic citation and have financial struggles will be able to finally come back into compliance with DL laws. The trap Kansans get into is an inability to pay the total costs. These are everyday Kansas citizens who may be school teachers, your neighbor or a church member who due to financial challenges has been unable to pay a traffic citation. Consequently the fines and fees for the original citation become impossible to pay. **This is especially true for low-income Kansans. There is NO WAY OUT!!**

I applaud this committee for considering this amnesty day statute. This law has the potential to bring more citizens into legal compliance with the DL law. And we know that laws such as the Restricted Licenses Statue now offering restricted licenses has been very successful. This law will amplify that success. This law also gives local authorities options in how to resolve these sometimes elongated traffic citation issues. They will be able to administer this with empathy, compassion and good common sense based on each person.

I sincerely ask you to support the Amnesty Day and provide a mechanism for Kansans to comply with our statutes. Thank you very much!!

Very Truly Yours,
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